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Mystery as wheelie bins go missing

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WHEELIE bins are vanishing across the Ely area – and baffled residents believe thieves are to blame.

Numerous residents have contacted *Ely News* to report that their wheelie bins have gone missing from outside their homes.

East Cambridgeshire District Council believes the most likely cause is that the bins, which were rolled out across the region last autumn, have been taken by accident by a neighbour.

But one resident, whose green wheelie bin disappeared more than a fortnight ago, believes it has been stolen.

The woman, who lives off St Mary's Street, Ely, said: "I came home to find that my bins had been emptied but that one had vanished. My black one was there but the green one wasn't."

"When I called the council to report it had gone missing the woman on the phone said that they had received quite a lot of similar calls recently and that they believed some were being



WHEELIE BINS: Some are vanishing

stolen. I think it's a sorry state of affairs when someone has to steal someone's wheelie bin."

Another resident, who lives in Littleport, said: "The council told me that it's likely my neighbour had taken my wheelie bin by mistake."

"I checked with everyone in my street and that wasn't the case, and I

still haven't seen my green bin. Obviously it's not the end of the world but I think it was stolen so that someone has extra space for their garden waste."

Dave White, head of waste at the district council, said: "We have had calls recently from residents who have told us their wheelie bins have gone missing."

"In most cases, people have called back a day later to tell us not to worry as they have either found it or there had been a mix up and their neighbour had taken their bin by accident."

"The best advice we can give is to make sure your house number is clearly visible on your bin – for example some households have stuck big coloured numbers onto theirs."

"We would also recommend that you take your bin back onto your property as soon as you can after it has been emptied."

Has your bin gone missing?

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Meet Lis, Ely's new mayor

RETIRED teacher Lis Every was officially installed as Ely's new mayor this week.

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CHEERS: Hundreds of people attended the annual beer festival

Real ale fans flock to beer festival

REAL ale lovers were in their element in Wicken at the weekend.

The village's annual beer festival was held on the recreation ground on Saturday and attracted hundreds of residents from across Cambridgeshire.

Their were dozens of real

ales to slake revellers' thirsts, as well as ciders, foreign beers, wines and soft drinks for the younger visitors.

Wicken's own Monk and Disorderly cider, which is produced by Spinney Abbey and won CAMRA Cider of the Festival at Norwich last year, proved as popular as ever.

There was also live music, children's games and plenty of food thanks to an army of dedicated volunteers.

Funds raised will be used to enhance the village recreation ground. For more information, visit <http://wickenbeerfestival.wordpress.com>.

£90k refurb for local youth hub

A VILLAGE youth centre has been given a much-needed facelift.

More than £90,000 has been spent on refurbishing Stretham Youth Centre's headquarters – a dilapidated former Victorian school in the village.

The major renovation was made possible thanks to funding from Amey Cespa, East Cambridgeshire District Council and the Stretham Charity.

Janet Parish, who has been chairman of the youth centre for the past 20 years, said: "The difference to the building is just unbelievable and we are so grateful to all the funders, volunteers, young people and BSV Construction, the local firm who carried out the work with real care and attention to detail, as well as doing some of the finishing touches for free when the

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funds had finally dried up.

"I went to school there many years ago and then became a youth worker there when it turned into a youth club. The building has been falling apart for years but now it's in top condition."

The charity now plans to open up use of the building to young people right across East Cambridgeshire to meet a gap left by the closure of many local youth clubs.

Mrs Parish said: "We are now looking to raise funds so we can run a wide range of youth activities, sports projects, arts projects and, as the building is completely disability-friendly, we also want to attract young people with disabilities for whom such opportunities are very limited locally. We hope to treble

the number of young people we support.

"We'd also like to hire out the space for £10 to £15 an hour to local groups that want to run community activities, especially for young people."

"And as there is good parking nearby, we are already getting lots of interest about this."

"By doing this, we hope to ensure the building is used seven days a week for the benefit of children, young people and their families and help to cover the costs of running it and future maintenance."

If you would like to know more about taking part in young people's activities, hiring the venue or donating funds to the charity to expand its range of youth projects, call Mrs Parish on (01353) 649575.

Alternatively, email strethamouthcentre@gmail.com.

Homes plan for garage site is approved

PLANS to build seven new homes on land currently occupied by a car dealership have been given the green light.

It was in September last year that Colin Every, the managing director of Kings of Witcham Ltd, submitted plans for seven homes and three 'flexible dwellings' with

potential for employment use to be built on the site.

His proposals were approved by East Cambridgeshire District Council's planning committee last week, subject to conditions and section 106 agreements.

Mr Every, who has run the business, based in The Slade, Witcham, since 1986, said: "I

want to assure people that Kings of Witcham will not be closing.

"This development will not be happening overnight – legal documents need to be signed, a developer needs to be found and so on."

"The plan is for the business to relocate – hopefully somewhere closer to Ely."

Man suffers serious injuries in 'nasty' attack

A POLICE investigation is under way after a man suffered serious head injuries in a "nasty" attack in Ely.

The 48-year-old victim was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge for treatment after being attacked in Market Street at around 2am on Saturday.

Police say the victim was approached by a group of men who asked for a cigarette before assaulting him.

Detective Sergeant John Yore, investigating, said: "This was a nasty, unprovoked attack in which the victim suffered serious injuries."

"I would urge anyone who saw what happened, or has any information, to call police."

Anyone with any information should call DS Yore on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.



Meet your new mayor...

FORMER teacher Lis Every is the new Mayor of Ely.

Lis, who has lived in the city for 22 years and in the Ely area for around 40 years, was presented with her chains of office by outgoing mayor, Elaine Griffin-Singh, on Monday night.

A district and city councillor, Lis, who lives with her husband, Colin, who runs the local car dealership, Kings of Witcham, said: "I'm extremely excited to become Ely's mayor but I'd be lying if I said I wasn't a little bit anxious too."

"It's a huge responsibility but I'm determined to do a good job and I feel like I have an important year ahead."

"I'm going to stick to my 'three P's' during my mayoral year and they are: 'pride, partnership and people'."

"Ely is an amazing place to live, work and visit but I think there is always room for improvement and I believe that every single one of us are stakeholders in making that happen."

Lis, who is involved with Ely Choral Society and Ely Youth Choir, was a deputy head teacher in Peterborough for 18 years before moving to Ely College to teach Business Studies around six years ago.

She retired from there last summer.

Lis has two children, two grandchildren, and her chosen charity for the year is East Anglia's Children's Hospices.



NEW MAYOR: Lis Every, who has lived in Ely for 22 years, is the city's new mayor

NEWS IN BRIEF

Firefighters rescue stranded cow

A COW had to be rescued by firefighters.

Two crews from Cambridge and a crew from Ely were called to Holt Fen Drove in Little Thetford at around 8.50am on Sunday and arrived to find the cow stuck in deep water. Crews managed to free the animal and return it to its owner.

Flower club meeting tomorrow

'ALFRESCO Summer' is the title of Littleport and District Flower Club's demonstration tomorrow night.

Vicki Hease is hosting the event at the village hall, in Victoria Street, at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Call (01353) 863421.

New home in pipeline for city site

A NEW home could be built in Springhead Lane, Ely.

Mr and Mrs Barratt have applied to build a three-bedroom detached house at number 47. A decision is expected within eight weeks. To have your say, visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk.

Charity darts contest in Littleport

A DARTS competition will be raising money for a local charity which supports children and families with additional needs.

The event is being held at Littleport Leisure Centre, in Camel Road, on Saturday at 7pm to raise funds for Little Miracles Soham. All are welcome. Call (01353) 860600.

New homes plan for village land

TWO new homes could be built in Wicken.

Mr V Hitchings and Mr A Leonard have applied to build the four-bedroom detached houses on land at 4, Drury Lane. A decision could be made within eight weeks. To view the plans, visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk.

Croylands to be auctioned again

A FORMER vicarage in Ely will be going under the hammer again next week after a private sale fell through at the last hurdle.

Cambridgeshire County Council, which owns Croylands, in Cambridge Road, thought it had finally found a buyer for the 19th century building last month.

The Grade II listed building failed to reach its reserve price at a specialist auction in London in March, and as a result the council invited interested parties to enter their best offers.

Four unconditional offers were made, alongside two offers which were conditional

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on planning permission being granted.

The council then narrowed the offers down to one higher offer for a 12,000sq ft care home - conditional on planning permission - and a second, lower but unconditional offer, for a family home.

The unconditional offer was agreed by cabinet as Roger Moore, head of strategic management at the council, said it would be more prudent to accept the unconditional offer given the former long-running planning row over McCarthy and Stone's plans to turn the building into

retirement flats.

However, that offer then fell through as the buyer pulled out.

The building, which was most recently used as a day care centre, will be going back under the hammer at Lambert Smith Hampton's auction on Monday, May 19.

The auction is being held at the Millennium Hotel in Grosvenor Square, Mayfair, and starts at 11am.

The guide price for Croylands is now £500,000 - £150,000 lower than the guide price the last time it went to auction.

Visit www.lshauctions.co.uk for more information.

Council applies for grant to raise Wash Road

A ROAD which is often shut for months on end due to flooding could be raised to stop it from closing.

Bosses at Norfolk County Council have applied for a £1.1 million Government grant to help fund raising the height of the A1101 Welney Wash Road.

The road runs through the Ouse Washes, which are

designed to flood when the River Delph bursts its banks, to prevent flooding further downstream.

As a result, the road becomes submerged in water, forcing all motorists travelling between the Upwell and Outwell area and the Littleport/Ely area to take a detour of up to 30 miles.

The news has been welcomed by South West Norfolk MP Elizabeth Truss, who has campaigned for improvements to the route.

She said: "This is extremely encouraging. I do not want local residents and businesses to suffer more costly delays and diversions caused by the regular closure of the causeway."

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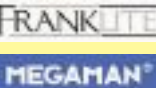
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A chance to explore historic windmills



GRAFT: Martin Hanson does some maintenance work at Wicken Mill.

MILLS across the region threw their doors open to the public over the weekend - including many in East Cambridgeshire.

Haddenham Great Mill, Soham Northfield Mill, Swaffham Prior's Fosters Mill and Wicken Smock Mill all took part in National Mills Weekend.

Families were able to tour the mills, see how they operate and learn more about their history and importance in the local area.

A spokesman for National Mills Weekend said: "Windmills in particular are iconic buildings with their visual impact as well as social historical value tied in with rural communities.

"The aim of the weekend is to encourage people to explore milling heritage by visiting wind and watermills in their area and we're delighted with how successful this year's programme was."

Visit www.millsfeastanglia.org.uk.

Date is set for Soham election

A NOTICE of election has been issued for the Soham South ward of East Cambridgeshire District Council.

The by-election follows the death of popular district councillor John Palmer last month.

Polling will take place on Thursday, June 19.

Former county, district and parish councillor Geoffrey Woollard, 76, has announced he is standing.

Mr Woollard, of St Andrew's Park, Soham, said: "I am standing as an Independent - though I was an active Conservative until the 1990s - because I believe that councillors whose loyalties are only to political parties ought to alter their loyalties.

"I believe that the electors of Soham South, Wicken and Upware will want another councillor whose loyalty is to them - and who will take all of their opinions into account.

"As an Independent I will

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speak up loudly for Soham South, Wicken and Upware. If elected, I will be answerable to the electors. I will never be told what to do by party political bosses."

Also standing is Cllr Daniel Divine, who represents Littleport on Cambridgeshire County Council.

Cllr Divine is a UKIP candidate, and has both lived and studied in Soham.

He said: "In my time working there I met many good, honest, hard-working people in Soham and for that reason alone, I am more than happy to stand."

Cllr Palmer, who lived in Pratt Street, Soham, served on East Cambridgeshire District Council from 1990 to 2007 and from 2011 to 2014.

He was a councillor for Soham from 1990 to 2003

when he was elected member for Soham North until 2007. In 2011, he was elected councillor for Soham South. He too was an Independent.

The by-election will be the second held in East Cambridgeshire District Council so far this year.

One was held for the Sutton ward last month following the resignation of Conservative Cllr Peter Moakes.

The seat was won by Liberal Democrat Lorna Dupre, who won with 523 out of the 1,028 votes.

Potential candidates for the Soham South ward can now collect their official nomination papers from the district council offices in Nutholt Lane, Ely, or by visiting either www.eastcambs.gov.uk or www.electoralcommission.org.uk.

The deadline for completed nomination papers is 12pm on Thursday, May 22.

For more information, call the council on (01353) 665555.

Two-day pop-up restaurant coming to Ely

FOOD junkies will be in their element in Ely this week.

A two-day pop-up restaurant is opening at Cafe Carringtons, in The Cloisters.

The event, entitled 'The Secret Feast' is being held on Thursday and Friday evening, starting at 7.30pm.

A spokesman for the event said: "The Secret Feast was

founded by Darrell and Rob, passionate chefs and good friends.

"The opportunity to cook fantastic tasty food and celebrate local producers for people who share a similar passion and love for food and drink was one that could not be passed up.

"This will be a feast fitting of

its location: a true celebration of Ely's heritage as the Isle of Eels and its large jam factory in the 1800s. Of course there will be much more than jam and eels on offer - expect a feast of local ingredients and dishes."

The cost is £37.50 each. Call (01480) 891836 or email info@twelvedeli.co.uk.



DELI AT 65: The new business is now open in Sutton High Street

Delicatessen opens in Sutton

A NEW delicatessen and cafe has opened its doors in Sutton.

'Deli at 65' has been opened in the High Street by brothers Mark and Peter Petrou – best-known for their local fish and chip shops.

The siblings were eventually given planning permission to turn the former Hills, Harnwell and Rutterford butchers shop into the delicatessen earlier this year – approximately two years after they submitted their proposals.

The new business boasts more than 1,000 products – including everything from award-winning, locally-produced cheeses to speciality meats from across the globe.

Mark said: "It feels great to finally be open and the response we have received so far has been phenomenal.

"I believe what we are offering is unique – we are all about flavour and quality, and more importantly all at reasonable prices."

The new venture has created four jobs. Search 'Sutton Deli at 65' on Facebook.

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Blaze on business park was accidental

THE cause of a major fire on a business park in Ely has been confirmed as accidental.

An investigation into the cause of the blaze at timber shed manufacturing firm Timbergarden, based on the Lancaster Way Business Park, has determined that the cause was accidental, by electrical.

Fire crews from across Cambridgeshire were called to the inferno just before 7am last Tuesday.

The blaze broke out inside the firm's spray workshop – a wooden building measuring approximately 30ft by 30ft.

However, the fire soon spread across the yard after ash travelled in the wind and landed in a dust extractor.

The spray workshop and several vehicles were destroyed, although nobody was harmed.

Chris Hipwell, managing director of the company, which has been based on the business park for around 20 years and employs around 20 staff, said the fire service were "fantastic".

He added: "Obviously I'm gutted by what's happened but the main thing is that all my staff are safe and that nobody was hurt."

Brenan Morgan, incident commander, said: "Crews worked very hard to contain the fire between the buildings and to not let it spread. It really was an excellent effort by the fire crews to prevent this fire spreading any further."

Consultant's fears for abducted girls

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A MAN who has just returned from Nigeria says he fears for the lives of the 200 girls who were abducted from their boarding school by the terrorist group, Boko Haram.

Peter Harris, who lives in Ely and is an education consultant, says he has "never experienced such an atmosphere of fear" as he did in the country.

The father-of-three spent a week in Nigeria and visited Lagos and the country's administrative capital, Abuja, where people have been protesting at inaction by the police and the government to find the girls.

The local newspapers have reported that they have been sold for £8 each in neighbouring Cameroon and Niger as child brides.

Peter said: "The day after I arrived in Abuja I noticed a large number of police cars on the airport road. It transpired that two musicians had been shot just prior to my arrival and their car was peppered with bullets.

"Abduction is rife and an armed



CONCERNED: Peter Harris

guard is a necessity if you travel from Lagos airport after dark. Another guest at the hotel found a washed-up body on the beach.

"In over 30 years, travelling all over the world, I don't think I have ever experienced such an atmos-

phere of fear – it is not a country for the faint hearted."

Peter said: "The name Boko Haram roughly translates as 'no education for girls' and wishes to rid the country of Western influence and is killing both Christians and Muslims.

"Following the abductions and the bombings in Abuja, all the state schools and educational institutions have been closed so none of the pupils will be able to take their external exams.

"I visited one of the top schools in Abuja to talk to 250 students, intelligent young people with ambition, but who fear their country is sinking into lawlessness.

"The school buildings were surrounded by steel fencing topped with barbed wire and patrolled by security guards.

"In trouble-torn countries parents might aspire to a British education for their children but only a few can afford it.

"I fear for those in country's like Nigeria who are not the fortunate few and hope and pray for their future."

Have your say on turbines plan at meeting

RESIDENTS can speak up over plans to build a mini wind farm on the outskirts of Haddenham at a public meeting tomorrow night.

The Stop Berry Wind Farm campaign is holding another meeting at the Arkenstall Centre in Haddenham's Station Road.

Bosses at wind farm developer REG Windpower have recently scaled back their proposals for Berry Fen – land between Haddenham and Aldreth.

Instead of building four wind turbines, they now want three –

and they are also proposing to reduce the height of the turbines from 130m to 125m instead.

The announcement came just weeks after the firm was given planning permission to erect a 61.5m anemometer on the land.

The device, which will be supported by 'guy wires', will be used by REG to gather data on wind speed before the firm submits its plans for the turbines.

The firm says the new turbines could provide enough renewable energy to power 4,500 homes and,

if the proposals are approved, a community fund worth over £30,000 a year will be created to support local good causes.

But protestors, who have formed the campaign group, say the turbines will "destroy the tranquility" of the area, "wreak havoc" on local wildlife and effect property prices.

Despite the alterations to the proposals, the campaigners are still worried and will be discussing their concerns at the meeting, which starts at 7.30pm.



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Please pull up the weeds!

ELY is beginning to look a bit scruffy so a plea to everyone in Ely who cares about Britain's second smallest city: please weed! Walking through the city I see all kinds of weeds getting a foothold, plenty of them by people's front doors. Surely it wouldn't take a minute to pull 'em up and pop 'em in your green wheelie bin?

Bridget Sparrow
Cambridge Road
Ely

Lots of uses for this building

IT would be a shame for the lovely building of St Peter's Church just to be sold and turned in to house or restaurant. But if it's possible could it be turned into a community hall for the village? It could be used for pre-school age children and their mums and provide somewhere for them to go.

Other groups could use it as well, such as youth clubs. Maybe even a drop-in cafe or library, like we have at Little Downham, open three half days a week.

There is so much that can be done with a building like this. This could be one of Prickwillow's biggest assets for the future. I say councillors do your very best to save this for the village of Prickwillow.

Eddie Holden
Ely Road
Little Downham

Eel Festival was terrific

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone involved in the organisation of Eel Day and the Food and Drink Festival.

It was a terrific weekend which brought hundreds of visitors to the city. East Cambs District Council's Tracey Harding and the rest of her team should be congratulated on a job well done – it must have taken months in the planning.

It's always a risk staging any outdoor event over the May Day Bank Holiday so thank heavens it wasn't the wash-out that it might have been had it been held last weekend!

Sally McQueen
Silver Street
Ely

Action for Brain Injury Week

I WOULD like to make your readers aware that it is Action for Brain Injury Week, May 12-18. A crucial aim of the campaign is drawing awareness to this silent epidemic and the issues facing people with acquired brain injury.

It is estimated that around 40,000 children in the UK sustain a brain injury each year. Acquired brain injury can be caused by something such as a road accident, a fall or an illness like meningitis and can have major,



DONATION: Ely Hereward Rotary Club representatives presenting the cheque to Pos+Ability

£1,500 boost for stroke charity, Pos+Ability

A CHARITY which supports stroke patients in the Ely area has been given a £1,500 boost.

Pos+Ability has received the bumper donation from Ely Hereward Rotary Club as it is one of the club's chosen charities for 2013-14.

The charity runs weekly sessions at the Paradise Centre, in Newnham Street, and at the Recreation Centre in New Street, Histon. The sessions to help stroke patients improve their memory, cognitive skills, balance and communication,

as well as offer support and respite for carers and families. For more information, call 07565 598193 or visit www.posability.org. For information about Ely Hereward Rotary Club, visit www.rotaryclubely-hereward.org.

long-lasting consequences.

Brain injury is often described as a 'hidden disability' because many children show no outward signs and yet struggle to cope with long-term, unseen problems with memory, communication and behaviour.

The Children's Trust is the UK's leading charity for children with brain injury. We provide rehabilitation and support to children and families from across the country.

Our Brain Injury Hub website (www.braininjuryhub.co.uk) is a source of practical advice for parents and we also publish a range of books to help explain brain injury to children.

So during Action for Brain Injury Week please share the word about our resources so that we can help more children and young people living in the UK today with the long-term effects of acquired brain injury.

Dalton Leong
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The Children's Trust, www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk

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Farming man John Green MBE dies, aged 85

ONE of the men behind one of the Ely area's largest agricultural firms has died.

John Green MBE died on May 4, aged 85.

Born in London into a family of architects, John and his family moved to Burnham Overy in North Norfolk in 1939.

He left school early, and after working on a farm in Shropshire, and gaining a Nuffield Farming Scholarship in 1949, John moved to AH Worth farming company in Lincolnshire.

In 1964 he married Margaret Dixon (nee Pryor) and gained two much-loved stepsons.

In 1966 the family moved to Ely, where John and his brother, Andrew, formed a farming partnership, Greens of Soham.

Greens still flourishes and the business now incorporates

substantial farming operations in Central Europe.

In 1995 he and Margaret moved to the Helford River in Cornwall and the woods and gardens of Calamansac.

He had visited Calamansac as a child and then, after marrying Margaret, every summer was spent holidaying on the river.

Inspired by his own experiences as a child and their unique location on the shores of the Helford, he established the Helford River Children's Sailing Trust, a charitable trust for local primary school children to learn to sail single-handedly and enjoy the resulting freedom and confidence.

For this, he was made MBE and his extraordinary enthusiasm and energy was an inspiration to many.

John is survived by Margaret, four children, 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



INSPIRATION: John Green MBE

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Another solar farm planned for the district

ANOTHER solar farm could be on its way to the Ely area.

Cheshire-based company, Green Energy UK, wants to erect solar panels on land north of Lode Way, Haddenham.

The firm has submitted a screening opinion on the development to East Cambridgeshire District Council, although details about the size of the proposed facilities or how many solar panels they want to erect have not been disclosed.

The screening opinion will see planners telling the developers what supporting evidence they want if and when a formal planning application is submitted, such as environmental/archaeological surveys or the extent of local con-

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sultation required.

It comes just weeks after the district council received another screening opinion for a new 81-acre solar farm to be built in Stretham.

Less than 18 months after they secured planning permission to build an 80-acre solar farm on land west of Cross Drove, which is part of their 2,058-acre estate, bosses at F.C Palmer and Sons, based at Stowbridge Farm, in Green End, now want to erect a similar number of solar panels on a parcel of land to the south of the village centre.

In a statement to the council, the applicants said the solar farm would produce 20 megawatts of energy – enough to power more

than 5,000 homes.

A decision on their screening opinion is yet to be made.

Their application also came just weeks after plans to erect 1,000 solar panels at Frog's Abbey in nearby Coveney were approved.

Labour's prospective parliamentary candidate for South East Cambridgeshire, Huw Jones, has raised concerns about the increasing number of solar farms being built in the Ely area.

He insists solar farms would be better suited to "less productive marginal" land rather than "prime agricultural" land.

The final decision on both screening opinions lies with the council.

Visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk to have your say.



NEW ENGINE: Soham fire station has taken delivery of its new light rescue pump

£240,000 new fire engine for Soham crews

SOHAM'S firefighters are now helping to save lives in a state-of-the-art new fire engine.

The town's fire station is one of nine in Cambridgeshire which has received a new appliance, called a light rescue pump.

The pumps, which cost

approximately £240,000 each, look similar to traditional fire engines, carrying 1,800 litres of water and a variety of ladders.

However, they also hold additional equipment that provides an enhanced rescue capability for road traffic collisions, and will enable an

improved service to rural communities.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service says the new engine has replaced the station's main engine and that its second engine will remain.



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Deaths

CORNWELL Noble

passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, 7th May, 2014.
Beloved son of the late Jack and Ida Cornwell and a much loved brother, brother-in-law, uncle, and a friend to many.
Funeral service at Fenland Crematorium, Knights End Road, March, PE15 0JY, on Tuesday, 27th May, 2014, at 11.30am.
Family flowers only, but donations, if desired to Arthur Rank Hospice Charity may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs. CB7 4HW

HOUSTON Ken

Of Little Downham, passed away suddenly at Addenbrooke's Hospital, on Monday, 5th May, 2014, aged 59 years. Beloved husband of Kay, brother of Derek, brother-in-law of Anna, uncle of Graeme and Lorraine, step-father of Paul and Sally. Funeral Service at Cambridge City Crematorium, West Chapel, on Tuesday, 20th May, 2014, at 2.15pm, no Black to be worn. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for Arthur Rank Hospice Charity, may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs. CB7 4HW. Tel: 01353 666566.

Deaths

KERRIDGE Margot (Appleton)

passed peacefully away after a short illness, at Littleport Grange Care Home, on Monday, 5th May, 2014, aged 93 years.
Wife of the late Jack Kerridge, step-mother to Stephen and Michael, grandmother and great-grandmother, aunt and great-aunt to families at home and abroad.
A short celebration of her life will be held at Fenland Crematorium, Knights End Road, March, PE15 0YJ, on Thursday, 22nd May, 2014, at 12.30pm.
Family flowers only, but donations to East Anglian Air Ambulance, may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 30 Forehill, Ely, Cambs. CB7 4AF

MARTIN Florence (Flo)

of Ely, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, 27th April, 2014.
Beloved wife of the late Ernest, loving mum of Michael and Brian, mum-in-law to Marilyn and Janice, much loved nanna and great-nanna, sister, aunt and loyal friend to many.
A treasure to us all, deeply missed.
All welcome to attend the service at St Mary's Church, Ely on Wednesday, 21st May, at 2.00pm, followed by interment in Ely Cemetery.
Flowers or donations, if desired, for British Heart Foundation may be sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs. CB7 4HW. Tel: 01353 666566

Deaths

SAYER Eileen Dorothy

of Little Downham, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, 6th May, 2014, aged 84 years.
Dearly loved mum of Chris, Maggie and much loved grandma and great-grandma.
Funeral Service at Cambridge City Crematorium, East Chapel, on Monday, 19th May, 2014, at 3.15pm.
Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for Breast Cancer Care, may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs. CB7 4HW. Tel: 01353 666566

SCOTT Aubrey

Fell peacefully asleep on Saturday, 3rd May, 2014. Loving husband, father, grandad and great-grandad. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at St John's Methodist Chapel, Littleport, at 2.00pm, on Monday, 19th May, 2014.
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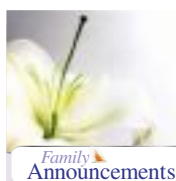
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SPECIAL VISIT: Elaine with Fenprobe's chairman, Bill Pickess, and two of the users

Fenprobe celebrates 36 years

A CHARITY which provides a news service to blind and partially-sighted residents in East Cambridgeshire celebrated its 36th anniversary with a visit from the Mayor of Ely.

Cllr Elaine Griffin-Singh attended Fenprobe's *Talking News* AGM to meet both volunteers and users. Each week, volunteers get together to record the latest news from local media, including *Ely News*. Copies from the recording are made on

memory sticks and distributed straight away so that subscribers get the "talking news" just a day after the newspapers are published.

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MPs meet to discuss bypass

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MPs Sir Jim Paice and Steve Barclay met with the chief executive of English Heritage this week to discuss the future of Ely's Southern Bypass.

The meeting with the organisation's chief executive, Dr Simon Thurley, was held on Monday.

A decision on the £30 million bypass plans, which have been in the pipeline for more than a decade, moved a major step forward in February when they were approved by East Cambridgeshire District Council's planning committee.

A final decision on the proposals was due to be made by Cambridgeshire County Council in March, but that has now been put back as a result of objections lodged by English Heritage.

The organisation is concerned about the impact the new road will have on views of Ely Cathedral, and the surrounding countryside, and insists that lowering and widening the existing underpass is the best solution.

Speaking after the meeting, Sir Jim, MP for South East Cambridgeshire, said: "I strongly disagree with English Heritage about the impact on the view of the cathedral. But what really matters now is that the county



TALKS: MP Sir Jim Paice

council ensure they consider the heritage aspect before, I hope, deciding to give planning consent."

Sir Jim is one of four people who have recently written to Eric Pickles calling for him to have the final say on the plans. He, Cllr James Palmer, leader of the district council, the Very Revd Mark Bonney, the Dean of Ely, and Paul Day, the managing director of Turners of Soham, have joined forces to write the letter.

Mr Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, has the power to make a decision on any planning application.



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Two new councillors selected

ELY has two new city councillors – and there is still one more vacancy to fill.

Alison Whelan and Ian Lindsay were chosen as the two new Ely South ward councillors at the City of Ely Council meeting on Tuesday night.

Members had five candidates in total to choose from.

Ely's Mayor, Elaine Griffin Singh, said: "We did things a little bit differently this time and I think it worked really well."

"Each candidate stood up at the meeting and told us about themselves, which is something we haven't asked them to do before."

"I certainly think the best two candidates were chosen."

The council's parish is made up of the city of Ely itself, plus the villages of Prickwillow, Stuntney, Queen Adelaide, Chettisham and Shippea Hill.

The authority has been in existence since local government was

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re-organised in 1974 and it was at that time Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth granted Ely its city status.

The council, whose offices are based in Ely's Market Street, is responsible for things like allotments, recreation areas, Ely in Bloom and the city's cemetery.

Although more recently, the authority has started to take on more responsibilities, including The Maltings and the former magistrates' court.

The city council currently has a councillor vacancy for Ely West ward.

The deadline for applications is 10am on Thursday, May 22.

To apply or for more information, pop into the council offices or call (01353) 661016.

Alternatively, visit www.cityofely-council.org.uk.



MODEL MAKER: Graham Varley, from Ely, pictured at last year's event with his latest model, a 1912 Great Western Country Class 7mm scale locomotive and tender

Choo choo on down to exhibition in Ely!

MODEL railway enthusiasts from far and wide will be flocking to Ely on Saturday.

The Ely and District Model Railway Club is holding its annual exhibition at Ely College, in Downham Road.

There will be more than a dozen layouts in various gauges and scales for visitors to browse, as well as outdoor steam train rides and trade stands selling new and second-hand

model railway equipment and books.

The exhibition, which usually attracts around 1,000 people, is open from 10.30am-5pm and entry is £5 for adults, £3 for children aged 5-18 and free for under-5s.

Refreshments will be available and parking at the college is free.

For more information, visit www.elymrc.org.uk.

Inquest into death of popular Maxine, 37

AN inquest has been opened into the death of a popular mum-of-two killed in a road accident.

Maxine Freeman, 37, was driving a blue Citroen Xsara when it was involved in a collision with a lorry in Queen Adelaide Way, Ely.

The crash happened at around 10.45am on Saturday, May 3.

Mrs Freeman, who lived with her husband, Ian, and two children, Daisy, 4, and Joshua, 2, in Guntons Close, Soham, died at the scene.

An inquest into her death was opened by assistant coroner, Belinda Cheney, on Thursday.

The cause of death was provisionally given as multiple injuries and the inquest was adjourned pending further enquiries.

Mrs Freeman's death has left her family and friends devastated and when paying tribute to her, they described her as "everybody's star".

The driver of the lorry, a 32-year-old man, also from Soham, was not hurt in the collision.

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According to Cambridgeshire County Council, East Cambridgeshire has the lowest number of foster carers in the county, with just 7 per cent of the council's foster carers living in the district.

With this year's Foster Care Fortnight running from May 12-25, the council is hoping to encourage more and more families in the Ely area to become foster carers.

Lorna and Martin Wells, who live in the Ely area, have been fostering children for

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around 14 years, and are urging people who could offer a child the support they need to do so.

Lorna said: "I am always very keen to spread the word about how rewarding and life-changing fostering can be."

"I would love to encourage more local people to think about how they could help make a difference by offering a child the stability and support of a safe and loving home."

Potential carers from across the county are invited to an informal information

event at Scott House in George Street, Huntingdon on Wednesday, May 28.

Running from 10am-2pm, potential carers will be able to meet members of the council's fostering team and chat to existing foster carers about their experiences. To book your place, call 0800 052 0078.

An exhibition is also being held at Ely Library, in The Cloisters, from Monday, May 12 to Monday, May 19.

For more information about fostering, visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering.

Village's annual Morris Day

MORRIS vehicles from far and wide will be descending on the village of Prickwillow. The Drainage Engine Museum, in Main Street, is holding its annual Morris Day on Sunday.

Running from 11am-4.30pm, there will be a huge variety of Morris cars for visitors to admire, as well as craft stalls, model displays and engine runs.

A spokeswoman for the museum

said: "Our Morris Day is always a great occasion which attracts hundreds of people through the doors. It's a real family-friendly event so we'd urge people to come along."

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SWEET TREATS: From left: Kim Smart, from Cherry Hill Chocolates, chocolatier Gerard Ronay, competition winner Sharon Neville and Angie Dryden, owner of Cherry Hill Chocolates

Cherry Hill Chocolate's £260 boost for Liam's charity

THE Liam Fairhurst Foundation is more than £200 better off thanks to a quirky chocolate contest.

Cherry Hill Chocolates, in Ely's High Street, ran a special decorated Easter egg competition last month.

The stunning egg was decorated by Gerard Ronay, who lives in Soham and is the step-son of the late world-renowned

food critic, Egon Ronay.

Gerard, who gave up his nursing career in 1988 to pursue his dreams of working with chocolate, soon established a reputation as one of the top chocolatiers in the UK, with many big names, including Fortnum and

Masons, stocking his exquisite products. Cherry Hill Chocolates is now the

exclusive retailer for Gerard Ronay Chocolates and to celebrate, Mr Ronay and owner of the shop, Angie Dryden, joined forces to run the competition.

It was won by Soham resident Sharon Neville and raised approximately £260 for the foundation, which was set up in memory of the Soham teenager, who died aged 14 from cancer.

Dementia support group folds

A DEMENTIA support group in Ely has folded due to a lack of funding.

Bosses at the Alzheimer's Society say they have had to close the Ely Alzheimer's and Dementia Group – but it was a tough decision.

The society says it has taken "every effort" to inform users of the group, which met in Militia Way every fortnight, about the closure in advance.

Gill Lintott, the charity's operations manager for Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire, said closing the group was not a decision the organisation had taken lightly.

She said: "The Alzheimer's Society does not take any decision to close a service lightly and the activity group in Ely is no exception."

"While local authority funding helps us run our services in the area, it does not cover all costs meaning we have also had to use significant amounts of voluntary income."

"As more and more people develop

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dementia we must make sure we make the biggest impact we can with our limited resources."

Mrs Lintott added: "We have taken every effort to inform people who attend the group of our plans."

"They were first informed of the changes before Easter and we have continued to run the group since then."

The group's last meeting is being held on Thursday, May 22.

The Alzheimer's Society will continue to run its dementia cafe, at the Ely Cathedral Centre, in Palace Green, on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 10am-12pm.

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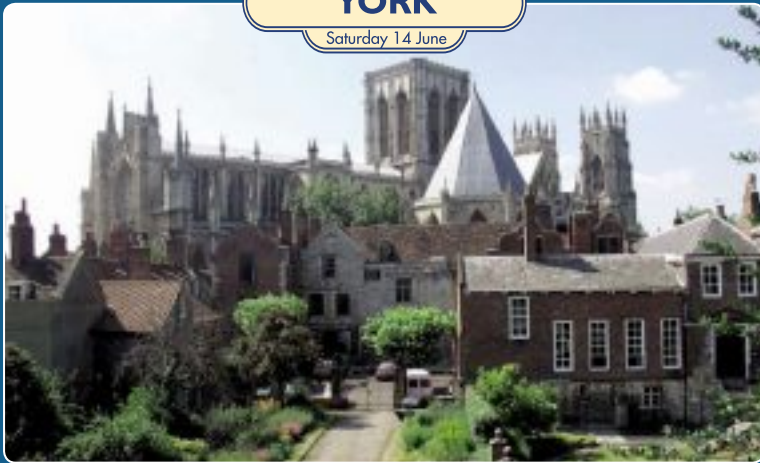


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New cancer unit opens its doors at village surgery

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CANCER patients in the Ely area now have less distance to travel for their treatment.

A new oncology suite has opened at St George's Medical Centre in Littleport.

Previously, cancer patients living in the Ely area had to travel a 50-mile round trip to either Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge or to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn for their treatment.

But thanks to a partnership between the medical centre and Addenbrooke's, and funding from Cheffins, they will now be able to have chemotherapy in the new Cheffins Oncology Suite, as well as attending appointments for blood tests etc.

The new facilities were formally opened by Steve Barclay, MP for North East Cambridgeshire, and are now available for patients to use.

A spokesman for the medical centre, which is based in Parsons Lane, said: "It was a very proud day for everyone involved in bringing oncology services to St George's."

"The practice has formed a partnership with Addenbrooke's Hospital to provide oncology services closer to home."

"This will mean that patients from



NOW OPEN: Stephen Barclay MP, left, opens the new community oncology unit at St Georges Medical Centre, with practice manager, Gary Shephard

Littleport and the surrounding areas will no longer have to travel to Cambridge for chemotherapy.

"One of the rooms on the first floor at the practice has been especially adapted to offer a quiet and comfortable area for patients to receive their

regular treatments.

"The nurses from Addenbrooke's will attend the surgery, initially once a week when they hope to be able to treat up to 15 patients a day."

"Our thanks goes to our sponsors, Cheffins, for paying for the refurbish-



COMFORTABLE: Patient, Janet Cross, nurse, Andrea Hunt, practice manager, Gary Shephard and Stephen Barclay MP in the new oncology unit

ment of the room and the running costs for the first year, volunteers and staff who have worked tirelessly to make this venture possible."

Among the first patients to benefit from the new suite is Janet Cross, 57, who is being treated for breast cancer and now has a five minute walk to receive her treatment.

She said: "It takes a lot of stress out of the treatment, not only for yourself but other people because it also involves your family and your friends, taking time off work to take you."

For more information about the oncology suite, visit the medical centre or call (01353) 864100.

Six-day business exhibition at cathedral

A HUGE business fair kicks off at Ely Cathedral tomorrow.

More than 100 companies and organisations are taking part in the Celebration of Business exhibition.

The extravaganza, which is organised by the Ely Cathedral Business Group (ECBG) and is now in its third year, is running from Friday right the way through to Wednesday, May 21.

The exhibition concludes on the Wednesday with a special reception which will feature speeches from Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, and Simon Wolfson, chief executive of Next Plc. The reception, which starts at 6pm, is free to attend.

ECBG chairman, Tom Green, said: "The motivation for ECBG springs from the group's strong belief in the positive contribution that healthy sustainable business can make to our community."

"Too often the church is seen as 'anti-business', and indeed we are right to criticise the greed which has led to the financial crisis. However good business is the means by which we create wealth and manage sustainable economic growth in our communities."

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It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

Managing Director Tim Law feels that it's all about service. "Our product is simple. If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have

struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole."

Cloudy2Clear service the Cambridge, Ely, Saffron Walden, Haverhill, Royston & Newmarket areas and Tim is finding that his approach is a major factor in his

success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Coffee morning in aid of NSPCC
CUPS of coffee will be raising money for the NSPCC on Saturday.
A charity coffee morning is being held at the Ely Cathedral Centre, on Palace Green, from 10am-12pm.
There will also be stalls selling plants, jewellery and cards.

Summer sounds in city gardens
ENJOY live music in Ely's Jubilee Gardens on Sunday.
There will be live music in the bandstand from 2.30pm onwards as part of the City of Ely Council's Riverside Concerts programme.
The event is free and residents are invited to picnic in the gardens.

Join trip to local nature reserve
WILDLIFE lovers are being invited to visit a village nature reserve tomorrow.
The Ely Wildlife Group is visiting Little Downham Nature Reserve and non-members are invited to join them. People should meet at Ely's Barton Road car park at 6.45pm.
The reserve is not suitable for wheelchairs. Call Will on (01353) 661339 to give the group an idea of the numbers.

Learn to play a new instrument
MUSICIANS of all ages and abilities are being given the chance to try their hand at playing a new instrument.
Wicken Coronation Band is hosting an event at Wicken Mission Hall, in High Street, on Saturday where residents and families can try playing some of their instruments.
The event is running from 10am-3pm and the band is also hoping to start a weekly training band.
For more information, call Robert on (01353) 723804.

Raising funds for cancer research in memory of Jon



TEAM SPIRIT: More than 60 people took part in the Jon Sauvey Memoriam Cup match

A CHARITY darts match has raised more than £600 for Cancer Research UK.
Over 60 people came together at The Carpenters Arms in Brook Street, Soham, for the Jon Sauvey Memoriam Cup match.
Jon lost his battle with cancer last year and his son, Michael, decided to organise the event in his memory.
A total of £610 was raised for Cancer Research UK.
Alison Seymour, the pub's landlady, said: "The competition was so popular that they all had to return to the pub the following night to play the quarter/semi/final games."
"The winner was Jonathan Goodjohn and the runner up was Chris Galley."
"Michael was delighted with how successful the competition was - and with the fantastic amount raised - that he plans to hold it every year."

Scam takes a new twist

FRAUDSTERS posing as police officers are now conning people out of valuables such as jewellery.
Police are continuing to warn people in the Ely area not to fall foul of the scam which has recently changed.
In the scam, the victim is called by someone claiming to be a police officer and told:
■ A criminal has been arrested with a substantial sum of money on them and a list of names and addresses, including yours, or
■ Your bank is under investigation for putting fraudulent bank notes into your bank account.
In the new development, the criminal claims the victim is at risk of being burgled and asks for details about high-value items. They then advise the victim to

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call their bank using a number on the back of their bank card. The victim hangs up but the caller does not and the call is not terminated.
As a result and without realising it, the victim starts talking to the fraudster again, thinking they have called their bank. Following a conversation, the offender says he will arrange a courier to collect the items.
Since May 2 there have been four attempts and two successful scams in Cambridgeshire.
Detective Sergeant Emma Compson said: "We are working closely with other police forces, banks, post offices and other agencies to raise awareness of the scam and remind people to be suspicious."
"You should never give any bank cards or valuables to anyone at your door, even if they say they are from your bank or the police."
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INTREPID: Martin says his dad's strength will spur him on

Martin takes on duathlon in memory of his father

A MAN is taking on his first ever duathlon this weekend in memory of his father.

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Martin Pickering, 43, will run 10km, cycle 38km and then run another 5km to put his stamina to the test and raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

His dad, John, died in March this year, aged 77, after a three-year battle with stomach cancer.

Martin, who lives with his wife, Andrea,

and his two daughters, Lauren, 18, and Scarlett, 9, in Sutton, said: "Dad was a fitness enthusiast prior to his illness and this seems like a fitting way to honour him and to raise funds for the Fenland district of Marie Curie."

"Marie Curie supported our family brilliantly during the last days of my father's

life and dad dealt with his illness with such dignity and bravery, so although the duathlon will be tough, thinking about what he endured will push me to ensure I reach the finish line."

Martin will be taking on the challenge at Grafham Water Centre in Perry, near Huntingdon, on Sunday.

To sponsor him, visit www.justgiving.com/martin-pickering4.

96ft drop for fundraisers

DAREDEVILS will be abseiling 96ft down a building in Ely on Saturday to raise money for charity.

The event is being held at Ely College and those brave enough to have signed up will abseil down the school's Needham's Tower, which is due to be bulldozed as part of a major refurbishment of the college.

All funds raised will go to the

Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust.

Among those taking part is Tom Bradney, a personal trainer at Ely's Atrium Club.

Professional company Xtreme Sensations will supervise the abseil.

The deadline for signing up has now passed, although people are being encouraged to support the event on the day. For information, call Meryc or Jo on (01223) 349805.

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Pool contest in aid of hospice

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The event takes place at the ex-servicemen's club, on Pont's Hill, at 2.30pm and all funds raised will be donated to the Arthur Rank Hospice.

Non-members are welcome. Call (01353) 860378.

Art society's next talk is tonight

ANTONIO Stradivari will be the subject of the Ely Decorative and Fine Arts Society's talk tonight.

The talk, hosted by Tony Faber, is being held at the Old Palace, on Palace Green, at 7.30pm. Non-members are welcome.

Charity coffee morning

ELY Cathedral Centre is hosting a charity coffee morning today.

The event is running at the centre, on Palace Green, from 10am-12pm to raise money for the Arthur Rank Hospice.

Calling all local scrabble players

ELY Scrabble Club next meets today.

The club meets at Ely Library, in The Cloisters, on alternate Thursdays from 1-3pm. New members are welcome. Call 07939 104173.

Country star is coming to town!

COUNTRY musician Johnny Marks is coming to Soham.

He is performing at The Brook, in Brook Street, on Sunday.

The concert kicks off at 2pm and tickets are £12.50, or £24.50 including a meal. Call (01353) 721748.



PEDAL POWER: Members of the Octagon Cycling Club will be pedalling 300 miles in aid of Ely Foodbank

Cycling 300 miles in aid of foodbank

INTREPID cyclists will be using their pedal power to raise funds for Ely Foodbank.

A team of 14 members of Octagon Cycling Club are taking on a gruelling 300-mile bike ride with the aim of raising at least £2,000 for the foodbank.

The two-day challenge will see them cycling from Anglesey to Ely over the next Bank Holiday

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Weekend.

Members who cannot join the group for both days are planning to ride out to meet them on day two and return to Ely as a single group. They are expected to arrive at Ely Cathedral at around 7pm on Monday, May 26.

One member of the

group, Pat Abbott, is unable to take part as he is a dentist in the RAF and is currently in Afghanistan. However, he has obtained permission to complete the challenge at the same time but on a static bike.

Because of the time difference, and the fact that he will have to avoid exercise during the hottest part of the day, he will finish four-and-a-half hours

ahead of the others. Pat is raising money for Turn to Starboard, a military support charity.

The rest of the group are supporting the foodbank, which helps families across the Ely area.

To sponsor the ride, visit <https://localgiving.com/octagon-twin-isles-ride>. For more information about the club, go to www.octagoncycling.co.uk.

Get advice on cancer from the experts

EXPERTS will be in Ely next week raising awareness about skin cancer.

Macmillan Cancer Support's mobile service will be on Market Place on Tuesday and Wednesday as part of Sun Awareness Week.

The team will be raising awareness of skin cancer and malignant melanoma, and about the signs and symptoms to look out for.

Nicola McClood, a Macmillan information and support specialist, said: "We will be advising people on how they can be safe in the sun by using sun tan lotion, wearing sun protective clothing or staying in the shade between the hours of 11am and 3pm."

"We will also be making people aware of what signs and symptoms to look out for. For example if you have any usual marks on the skin such as a lump or scaly patch that lasts for more than a few weeks, or a mole that has changed in size, shape or colour, or crusts or bleeds, then we would advise you to visit your GP."

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This year's feast – which organisers say will be bigger and better than ever before – is running from Friday right the way through to Sunday.

The fun kicks off on Friday at 5pm with a free picnic, barbecue and live music on the recreation ground and at 7pm there will be a talk, entitled 'A feast of memories' at St James Church by local historian Mike Petty.

Tickets cost £7 and include a ploughman's supper.

On Saturday, there will be a farmers' market around the village cross, starting at 9am, and at 10am the village yard sale begins. An art and craft market will also start in the church at 10am and at 11am the Littleport and Ely Riot Morris dancing group will be performing. A family fun day then kicks off at the Red Lion pub at 2pm.

Feast Day itself is being held on

JORDAN DAY

the Sunday. The celebrations begin with an open air church service at 12.35pm. At 1pm the parade then starts at the village cross and the fayre on the recreation ground begins at 2pm.

Attractions this year include a fun dog show, mini world cup competition, fairground rides, hog roast, tug-of-war competition and performances by the Ely Military Band, Arco Iris Samba Band and the Jigsaw Dance Company.

All funds raised during this year's parade will be donated to BLÉSMA – a charity which supports servicemen and women who have lost limbs, the use of limbs or their eyesight. The charity also supports dependants and widows.

Cllr Janet Parish, chair of the feast committee, is urging residents from across the Ely area to get involved with the celebrations.

For more information, search 'Stretham Feast' on Facebook.



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Talking all things archaeological

'ELY outside the urban core' is the title of the Ely and District Archaeological Society's next talk.

The talk, hosted by Quinton Carroll, is being held at Ely Methodist Church, in Chapel Street, on Monday, May 19 at 8pm. Non-members are welcome.

Ely City W.I. meeting next week

BERYL Brooks is guest speaker at Ely City Women Institute's meeting on Monday, May 19.

The talk, entitled 'Suncatcher Stars', is being held at Ely Museum, in Market Street, at 7.30pm. The W.I. meets on the second Monday of the month, usually at the Old Dispensary. Call (01353) 663787.

Sounds of the 60s at The Brook

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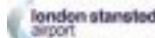
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A thriving town with much



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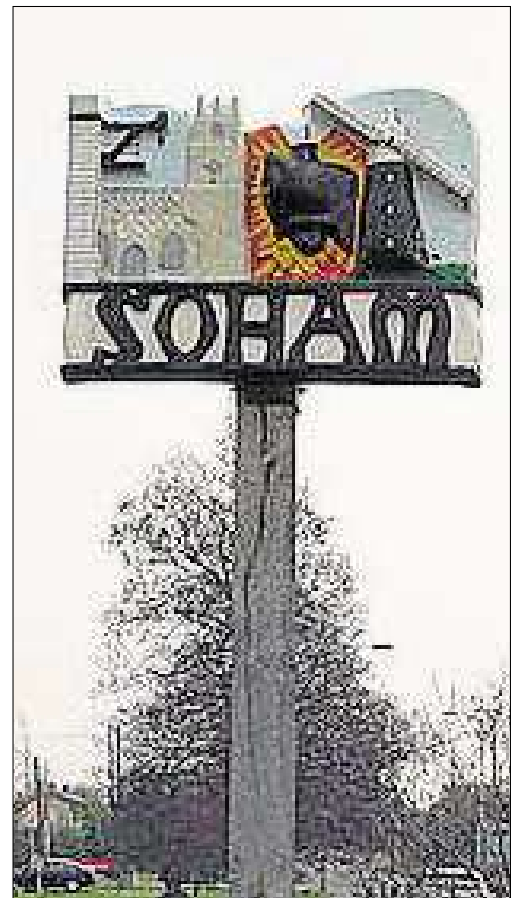
With evidence of a settlement dating back to the Stone Age, Soham's documented history begins in 630 AD, when St Felix, dubbed The Apostle of the East Angles, founded an Abbey in what is now Soham, reportedly then destroyed during Viking raids in East Anglia in 870 AD.

Fast-forward to the Domesday Book in 1086, and Soham is described as "Land of the King" – among William the Conqueror's most important holdings in Cambridgeshire. Flourishing as a trade centre, and inland port, in the 1400s, the town was known as a Royalist stronghold during Oliver Cromwell's time in around 1650.

Other notable points in Soham's timeline include the arrival of the railway in the town in 1879, the opening of the waterworks, bringing piped water to the town in 1923, and the establishment of Soham Village College, one of the first of its kind, in 1958.

Today, Soham has a population of around 11,000. It has two primary schools as well as the still-thriving Village College. It is a successful centre for farming, as well as an urban community with modern services and amenities. It holds a carnival each May and the famous Soham Pumpkin Fair every September.

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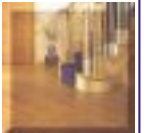
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How art helped save my mental health



After being diagnosed with bi-polar disorder, Nicky Mortlock turned to art to help with her recovery – and completely turned her life around. She talks to LYDIA FALLON about the highs, the lows and why she is determined to help others channel their creative side too.

IN OUR darkest moments, we all have different ways of coping with the pain. Some might seek comfort in a friend or relative, others might distract themselves with a favourite book or film, or perhaps a cup of tea and chocolate digestive is your certified spirit-lifter. For Nicky Mortlock, it is in creativity where the 46-year-old finds solace.

When nothing around her makes sense, the simple act of putting pen to paper and

letting her emotions come pouring out – be it in the form of a poem or piece of art – is always the best medicine.

"I believe in creative potential and that it is important we all express ourselves and have individual vehicles for that expression. I think that is very healthy," smiles Nicky, when we meet at her home in Milton. "I have always been quite uncomfortable with expressing myself – I felt different and wasn't sure of

my relationship to the world – but writing and being creative has allowed me to deal with all sorts of pain that otherwise I wouldn't have been able to. It has helped me through the hard times."

Throughout her life, Nicky has been through plenty of hard times. At her lowest, she locked herself in her bedroom for near on a year, refused food and would not talk to her friends or family. It was a heart-breaking time,

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and one, Nicky admits, she was lucky to come out of alive. "I just wanted to die, and was doing quite a good job in doing so," she says. "I didn't know how to communicate what I was feeling, and felt so ashamed of who I was."

Although she didn't know it at the time, Nicky was suffering from bi-polar affective disorder, and experiencing one of the extreme episodes of depression which characterise the condition. "I felt so helpless and weak," Nicky remembers. "I just didn't know what to do. I really was unbearable to be around."

These days, it's hard to imagine Nicky plumbing such depths of despair; honest, vivacious and warm, an appetite for life exudes from her every pore, and she's great company.

But her eyes shine brightest when she talks passionately about her new creativity and wellbeing website, ArtiPeeps. "I'm very proud of it," she smiles. "It's very exciting."

An online hub which is quickly growing a dedicated following of fellow "creative souls", Nicky and her team provide unique opportunities for emerging artists and writers: be it through collaborations, exhibitions, publications or installations, it's all about getting people to realise their creative potential.

ArtiPeeps started out as a women's creativity group back in 2012. Nicky and her friends would meet once a month to paint, write poetry and generally have a bit of a giggle, but in the years since it has snowballed. "It was a really scary thing for me to set it up because I hadn't been well for a long time, but I wanted to find my purpose," Nicky explains. "I created the website and thought only the members of my group could see, but in fact it was public and I was having people from all over the world visiting the site. I thought 'There must be something in this, because obviously people are liking what I am providing.'"

"It's a real synthesis of my past experience and my passion and belief in creativity," she adds.

It's given Nicky a whole new lease of life, and, as well as her creativity, the artist has found her health and wellbeing has flourished too. She hopes by sharing her story, others will see that, even during their darkest moments, there is always light at the end of the tunnel. "I want to be as open and honest about my bi-polar as possible, because I have come to be able to manage it. That's not to say I won't get ill or I don't find life difficult, because I do," explains Nicky. Born and raised in Cambridge, as a child Nicky never quite felt like she belonged. Painfully shy, she would often shut herself away from the rest of the world, preferring to spend time lost in her own imagination rather than playing with her friends.

With hindsight, Nicky believes she was suffering from a mood disorder even

then. "I had my first depression when I was about 9 years old, but didn't have any treatment and wasn't seen by anyone for years and years," she explains.

The highs and lows continued into adulthood, and although Nicky tried her best to carry on regardless – studying for a degree in English Literature at ARU and working as a script editor for BBC Wales – every so often things would come to head. "At the time I was living with my mother and I basically just spurned her," Nicky remembers. "I couldn't look people in the eye and wouldn't speak."

Feeling lost, scared and alone, Nicky decided it was time she sought help, and in 2004 she plucked up the courage to go to the doctor. They initially told her she was suffering from depression. "I will always remember it: the doctor said 'You are suffering from depression' and I remember saying 'I do have depression then? It isn't just me?'"

"It was like what I was feeling was all my fault and when she said 'You have depression, you are ill, you have something wrong with you' it really did help."

Doctors put Nicky on anti-depressants, but when that didn't work, she was referred to a psychiatrist at Addenbrooke's and eventually diagnosed with bi-polar. Rather than a shock, it was, she concedes, "a revelation". "It was like one of those light bulb moments," she smiles. "Suddenly it was like 'That's why I have been so up and down, that's where all my behaviour comes from.'"

"It was a fantastic moment and a huge relief because I knew who I was and could do something about it. I'd become my illness and that diagnosis, however difficult it was with the implications attached to it, made me feel less helpless."

Previously known as manic depression, bi-polar is a mood disorder which manifests itself in episodes of extreme depression and mania, and is much more common than you might imagine, with NHS figures revealing one in every hundred people in the UK is bi-polar.

"I could be perfectly OK but then it escalates very quickly and can take me about a year to recover," explains Nicky, describing life living with the condition. "I have the kind of bi-polar where I don't get manias; I have hypermanias, which are usually followed by episodes of extreme depression."

"It taps into your individuality in a very particular way and it strikes people in a very individual way too, so you can't really pigeonhole the symptoms. People want to pigeonhole you and say bi-polar is like this or it's like that, but it isn't."

She adds: "When people meet me and I am well, they will often say 'We'd never guess you have bi-polar, you're so perky and so happy.' I guess that's because it is quite a hidden condition in a lot of ways."

Following her diagnosis, Nicky started Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), and credits it with getting her back on track. "Initially it was about addressing your behaviour and associating it with your emotions. So one of the behaviours I had was I wouldn't go into the shops, so we looked at rating the panic when confronted with that situation – so I might feel 80 per cent anxious and 20 per cent ok," Nicky explains.

"Eventually it starts to work and the cages you've wrapped around yourself start to loosen. A bit more light comes through and the percentage comes down as you start to question why you're feeling like you are."

Nicky also meditates, writes a journal and tries to lead as healthy a life as possible, all of which, she says, helps her to manage the condition. "I will probably get ill again, but I now have the ability to address my symptoms every single day. It takes a lot of work and effort, and is very tiring to be watching out for all these things, but it's worth it."

"You can get so frightened about what life is all about and your ability, but I've realised now that I want to live, even though sometimes I think I want to die – it's quite a peculiar place to be."

Nicky has managed to find her silver lining, but for others who find themselves spiralling into depression, what would her advice be? "Persevere and keep going, even when you're feeling really low," Nicky says. "You have to hold on to the knowledge that it does change and it does pass."

"You have a choice in life and depression makes you think you don't."

"You can choose to take your illness head on, to do something about it, grow with it, and know you can't fix it, but you can live with it."

Getting to the art of the matter

ArtiPeeps is currently running a Kickstarter campaign to raise money for their upcoming exhibition, Transformations.

A collaborative poetry-art exhibition based around Ovid's Metamorphoses, Transformations will showcase 29 emerging poets and artists from across the world. The exhibition will take place in September at Hanse House, South Quay, King's Lynn as part of the National Heritage Open Day. Go to kickstarter.com/projects/1153901492/transformations-making-the-virtual-real-to-make-a-donation.

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Architectural design firm marks 40 years

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A FAMILY-run architectural design company is celebrating its 40th year in business.

Ely Design Group, which is based in Stretham, was set up in 1974 by John Norman on the kitchen table at his home in Wicken, from where he then graduated into a purpose-built study in the loft.

Since then, the business has grown and grown, and four decades later it is still going strong.

As well as designing houses, bungalows and extensions in the Ely and Cambridge area, John took on larger, more prestigious projects too.

Local well-known buildings include The Brook in Brook Street, Soham, the modernisation and refurbishment of the Soham Pavillion and what was then the Cromwell Restaurant in Forehill,



ANNIVERSARY: Allen Norman, Mary Watkins, Ruth Norman and John Norman

Ely (Now the former Jar Jars nightclub).

In 1997, John moved the business to the Old Post Office in

Wicken, and his son, Allen, a fully-qualified building surveyor, joined him in 1999.

In 2002, Allen's sister, Mary,

joined them as an administrator.

The business moved to its present location in Short Road, Stretham in 2007.

Allen took over the reins in April 2011, when John took semi-retirement, and soon afterwards, Allen formed Ely Design Group Limited of which he is the managing director.

John does still however play a very active role in the design side of the firm.

Their work is still very much in the Ely area but a large proportion of their projects are now based in or near Cambridge.

Ely Design Group now focuses on the design of new residential properties and extensions, loft conversions and alterations to a wide range of properties.

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Baroness Stowell of Beeston MBE visits Witchford company

A GOVERNMENT Minister was in Witchford recently to visit a firm which is benefiting from a programme to create and safeguard jobs across the East of England.

Baroness Stowell of Beeston MBE, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, visited dB Broadcast Ltd, based on the Sedgeway Business Park, to hear more about the PriSMS programme.

It is managed by IfM Education and Consultancy Services and helps small manufacturing firms develop their business strategy and become more sustainable.

David Bird, managing director of the 50-strong firm, which designs, manufactures and installs complete systems for the broadcasting industry, said: "An important benefit of engaging with the programme was using well-proven business tools but cut down to suit dB. This provided a time-efficient programme to formalise our strategy and processes while still doing the day job of keeping our clients on-air."

High demand for Searchlight products

MEDLOCK Electrical Distributors say they have had to triple their stock holding of lighting products from Searchlight in order to cope with growing demand.

The range at the firm, which is based on The Dock Business Park in Ely, includes lighting solutions for every room in the house, as well as outdoors.

Richard Keigwin, manager at Medlock Electrical, which has been in Ely for 10 years, says more and more customers are looking to purchase Searchlight products.

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"With our many years of experience, we take pride in providing both an exceptional service and value for money."

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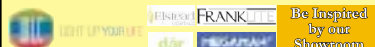
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Mark Grist

The poet, rap battler and all round nice guy goes rogue and returns to Cambridge Junction for a show that'll make your mind work. ELLA WALKER has a chat with him

■ Mark Grist: *Rogue Teacher*, Cambridge Junction, Thursday, May 22 at 8pm. Tickets £13 from (01223) 511511 / junction.co.uk

MARK Grist is ridiculously inventive.

A former Peterborough teacher turned poet and ethically sound rapper (you won't find him spouting anything homophobic, misogynistic or racist), Grist has a serious knack for wordplay. Oh, and he ticks all the boxes for charisma, enthusiasm and lyrical speed.

First breaking out in 2012 after teaching teenage grime artist MC Blizzard a thing or two in a rap battle that went viral (it's clocked more than 4 million YouTube views) he spends his time challenging the stereotypes of poetry and hip-hop, visiting poets' graves and is now bringing his latest show, *Rogue Teacher*, to Cambridge Junction.

The show, which got rave reviews at the 2013 Edinburgh Festival, revolves around Grist's life, going from loving so much about being an English teacher, to becoming increasingly frustrated with Government policy and the red-taped bureaucracy being lashed across classrooms.

"Eventually, after a lot of telling young people to follow their hearts and use their skills and do everything they ever wanted to do with their lives, I decided I should do the same," explains Grist, who initially left his teaching post for a year. "The show is this story of leaving the classroom, realising it was actually quite a safe environment and going out into the wide world to try to exist as a poet, facing the kind of gruelling poverty and bizarre series of hoops you have to jump through in order to make a living as an artist."

He really did go from teaching GCSE English to rap battling, on YouTube. "I accidentally became kind of pseudo-famous," he says in bemusement. That Blizzard rap, which saw him slam the 17-year-old with lines like "don't start clicking, I know this might look like some kind of extreme babysitting" and "you'd still give yourself a hernia trying to assemble flatpack furniture" while wearing a suit, mind, transformed everything.

"All of a sudden people know me as a rap battler instead of as a poet," says Grist. "No one's really that interested in my poetry as such, but people are stopping me in the street and asking me to insult them."

Rogue Teacher grapples with how that sits with him being a teacher and "whether that contradicts some of the values you originally had."

Grist explains that he wants to inspire people and make them realise "we don't really need to do anything that we don't want to do; it's quite possible to create our own jobs".

Starring in a new Channel 4 documentary series with the fantastic Mr Drew from *Educating Essex* has definitely given him a challenging element to teaching again. *Mr Drew's School for Boys* takes 11 of the most excluded boys in the country and aims to show that no young person should be given up on, and that there are always ways to break the cycle of poor behaviour.

"It's really challenging, but it's really exciting as well and it's probably one of the toughest things I've ever done in my life," explains Grist. "Hopefully it will make people realise these families aren't alone, there's lots of behaviour that's stopping children from fully engaging and I think some young people just get written off and we think that can't be resolved. I hope we show there are ways we can fix aspects of this behaviour."

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Sibling ribaldry

■ 'Tis Pity She's a Whore, Cambridge Arts Theatre, until Saturday, May 17 at 7.45pm. Tickets £15-£30 from (01223) 503333 or cambridgeartstheatre.purchase-tickets-online.co.uk

IT'S basically a Jacobean version of *Game of Thrones*. First published in 1633, *'Tis Pity She's a Whore* was immediately and raucously slated for its bloody, incestuous and corrupt themes.

While the critics have mellowed towards John Ford's seminal play over the intervening centuries (yes, it's definitely taken a while), and learnt to appreciate it, even today it still has elements that will make your stomach writhe and your hands leap to your eyes.

A tragedy of outlawed lovers – brother and sister Giovanni and Annabella – patched together with murder, deceit and total destruction, the Cheek by Jowl Theatre Company is restaging their 2012 production for a regional tour.

Devised by Declan Donnellan and Nick Ormerod, the doomed siblings trudge towards hell in more modern trappings than their original counterparts (expect rap music and the odd leather-clad stripper), but are just as reckless with their choices.

The Guardian explains the crux of the show's enduring fascination: "The greatness of Ford's play lies in the fact that it neither exculpates nor condemns its amorous siblings: it simply presents their passion as something inescapably doomed in a hypocritically religious world."

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film of the week

THE TWO FACES OF JANUARY (12A, 96 mins)
LIKE Agatha Christie before her, Patricia Highsmith repeatedly challenged the moral compass of her readers with disturbing psychological thrillers that nudged her characters to the brink of madness.

In her debut novel, *Strangers On A Train*, she conceived a seemingly perfect murder for every disgruntled husband, which Hitchcock brilliantly adapted for the big screen.

Almost 50 years later, Anthony Minghella tapped into the disturbing sexual undercurrents of her 1955 novel *The Talented Mr Ripley* for a hauntingly seductively jaunt through Italy that netted five Oscar nominations.

The Two Faces Of January was published almost a decade after Highsmith unleashed her iconic con artist, Tom Ripley, and once again, she indulges in obsession-fuelled skulduggery albeit against a vivid backdrop of sun-baked 1960s Athens.

Hosseini Amini's slow-burning film version conceals its Machiavellian machinations behind an elegant facade of impeccable period costumes and picturesque cinematography.

Yet, while this assured directorial debut is sweeping in scope, the focus of Amini's lean script is the characters' strained relationships and notably the frayed bonds of trust between two men, who must rely on each other to escape a hairy predicament of their



own making.

The film opens at the Acropolis where American businessman Chester MacFarland (Viggo Mortensen) and younger wife Colette (Kirsten Dunst) cut elegant figures on the steps of the citadel.

Greek-speaking guide Rydal (Oscar Isaac), who scams unsuspecting tourists out of hard-earned drachmas, is drawn to the glamorous couple and he gladly accepts their invitation to dinner.

At the end of the night, as he makes his way home, Rydal discovers Colette has mislaid a possession on the back seat of the taxi so he asks the driver to make a detour to the MacFarlands' exclusive hotel.

Unexpectedly, Rydal walks in on Chester moving the seemingly unconscious body of a man (David Warshofsky) into another room.

The businessman explains that he was protecting his wife.

Blinded by his infatuation with

Colette, Rydal pledges his help and suggests a means to obtain fake passports and escape the country.

As the trio heads for the coast, the police give chase.

"We're joined at the hip," Chester assures Rydal. "I get caught, I take you down. You get caught, you turn me in."

Shot on location in Greece and Turkey, *The Two Faces Of January* nods appreciatively to both Highsmith and Hitchcock, ratcheting up tension as the two men trade verbal blows in order to secure Colette's divided affections.

Mortensen and Isaac relish these fractious exchanges, creating a twisted father-son dynamic with Oedipal yearnings for Dunst's third wheel.

Her role feels slightly undernourished but she's pivotal to the on-screen chicanery and the film's centrepiece sequence in subterranean gloom.

Because it's under the comforting cloak of darkness that men's ugly, true natures are revealed.

Must-haves for gardeners

IT'S not only ideas for planting your own garden that blossom when you visit garden shows – it's ideas about the accessories, tools and trinkets you see along the way, too.

The main horticultural event of the year, the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, is no exception. Once again this year, on Tuesday, May 20, it will announce its Chelsea Garden Product of the Year, showcasing the must-have new products for gardeners, covering everything from crop protection to environmentally-friendly furniture.

Launched in 2011 to recognise the best new garden products on the market, the event is judged by an expert panel of garden journalists, industry buyers and business entrepreneurs, taking into account innovation, visual appeal, functionality, quality, value for money and environmental sustainability.

From a sneak peek at the 17 shortlisted products, here are some of the most practical and affordable contenders.

● If you have a problem protecting tender crops against insects, including flea beetle, look out for



by Hannah Stephenson

Tendamesh (£9.99 for 4m x 2.1m, www.agralan.co.uk), a lightweight mesh which does the job brilliantly.

● Avoid back-breaking bulb planting with Burgon & Balls's Stainless Long Handled Bulb Planter (RRP £29.95, www.burgonandball.com), which slices

through soil with ease thanks to its sharp, angled blade. It has a stainless steel head for effective rust resistance with an FSC certified ash handle for comfort and long life.

● For stylish outdoor living, Gaze Burvill craftsmen have created a superbly comfortable outdoor bar stool from sustainably forested oak, with curve and contour shaping giving unrivalled ergonomic performance, and an elegant, light, modern look. The A La Carte bar stool is priced

£720, available from www.gazeburvill.com.

● Harrod Horticultural is shortlisted for its new Stormproof Vegetable Cage, which features ingenious new 'Frame Saver Clips' to save frameworks from hurricanes and snow while keeping plants protected. They also allow exceptionally easy plant access. Kits priced from £49 – www.harrodhorticultural.com.



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: The Pico Reel, the Napoli Solar Garden light, Tendamesh and the A La Carte bar stool

● After all the rain we had this winter, some gardeners might have wondered if they'd ever need to use a hosepipe again. But if you do, the new Pico Reel, a pint-sized version from Hozelock (RRP £29.99, www.hozelock.com), is just the job for watering small garden spaces. Compact, lightweight and easy to rewind, it can be manoeuvred with ease and comes ready to use with fittings and spray gun.

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puzzles

ACROSS

1. Terribly posh store (4)
8. O, a billet-doux! (4,6)
9. State of a girl (8)
10. A butler from the Middle East? (4)
12. A dog died in a Dorset harbour (6)
14. Suffocate itself somehow (6)
15. A boy at street level (6)
17. Fool Mr. Lincoln, the Zimbabwean statesman (6)
18. Underwear item and shirt for a child (4)
19. Derision upsets Raymond Burr's detective (8)
21. Make me pay a penalty in rent for an improvement (10)
22. To make a fuss (2-2)

DOWN

2. A chopper with blades (10)
3. A stopper you might hear on a chat show (4)

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crossword

4. A place for a street (6)
5. Folds in pastel design (4)
6. Going off course like a confused stingray (8)
7. A larva's food (4)
11. Strong and healthy, despite being boiled up in a bed (4-6)
13. A joint badly violated (8)
16. Caught, but not riveted (6)
17. Tied up the journalist by the back-room (6)
18. A spell in prison for a common girl (4)
20. Said to establish a place for the badgers (4)

Last week's answers: Across: 7 Round; 8 Sitting; 9 Esparto; 10 Draft; 12 Life policy; 15 Right dress; 18 Halve; 19 Shocked; 21 Fitting; 22 Lithe. Down: 1 Free church; 2 Jumpy; 3 Oder; 4 Ashore; 5 Studious; 6 Titanic; 11 Toy soldier; 13 Intrepid; 14 Agility; 16 Resign; 17 Skate; 20 Oils.

sudoku

Last week's answer:

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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters

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The clues

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gives a desert
gives famous falls

Last week's answer:
HARMONICS

theGUIDE

SATURDAY

weekend television

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Nigellissima. 12.00pm Homes Under the Hammer. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Live Athletics: Great Manchester City Games. The Great CityGames Manchester. 2.50 Bargain Hunt. 3.35 Escape to the Country. 4.35 Celebrity Mastermind. 5.05 FILM: Enchanted (2007). Fantasy comedy, starring Amy Adams.

6.45 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a 'celebrity experts' edition of the unorthodox quiz show.

7.55 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton presents the quiz show.

8.45 Casualty. Ella steals drugs from Ash's medical bag.

9.35 The Guess List. With Eamonn Holmes, Helen Skelton, Bob Mortimer, Kate Garraway and Nick Hewer.

10.15 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.35 Mrs Brown's Boys. Dermot announces his choice of best man for the wedding.

11.05 FILM: Meet the Parents (2000). Comedy, starring Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller.

12.50am FILM: Norbit (2007). Comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. 2.25 Weatherview. 2.30 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.15 FILM: Dangerous Mission (1954). Thriller, starring Victor Mature. 7.30 Great British Menu. 10.00 The Living Planet. 10.55 Coast. 11.00 Fred Dibnah's Industrial Age. 11.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 12.00pm Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. 12.45 Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. 12.50 Laurence Olivier: Talking Pictures. 1.25 FILM: Wuthering Heights (1939). Period drama, starring Merle Oberon. 3.05 FILM: Pride and Prejudice (1940). Period drama, starring Laurence Olivier. 5.00 Natural World: Honey Badgers - Masters of Mayhem.

6.00 Flog It! Museums at Night. A celebration of the three-day festival.

7.00 Bob Larbey - A Tribute. Comedy Connections. The making of Ever Decreasing Circles.

8.00 All About The Good Life. The story of the 1970s sitcom about a self-sufficient couple.

8.55 QI XL. Extended edition, with Sue Perkins, Ross Noble and David Mitchell.

9.55 FILM: Gone Baby Gone (2007). Crime drama, starring Casey Affleck.

12.25am FILM: Mesrine: Killer Instinct (2008). Fact-based French crime thriller, starring Vincent Cassel. 2.10 This Is BBC2.

ITV

6.00am CITV. 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 The Hungry Sailors. 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. 11.25 ITV News and Weather; Weather. 11.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 12.25pm Storage Hoarders. 1.25 All Star Family Fortunes. 2.10 Off Their Rockers. 2.35 ITV News Anglia; Weather. 2.45 ITV News and Weather. 3.00 The FA Cup Final. Arsenal v Hull City (Kick-off 5.00pm).

7.30 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the sixth audition show, as Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon give their verdicts on more of the nation's best - and worst - performers.

8.50 Amazing Greys. Old pros including bodybuilder Eric Dowey, bowls legend Willie Wood and four-time Olympic fencer Ralph Johnson stand between the young challengers and £10,000. Last in the series.

9.50 The Americans. An old foe of Philip's arrives in town with a vendetta, just as he and Elizabeth embark on a high-stakes mission.

10.45 ITV News and Weather; Weather.

11.00 FA Cup Football Highlights. Arsenal v Hull City.

12.00am Jackpot247. 3.00 Dinner Date. Australia. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05am The Hoobs. 6.30 Trans World Sport. 7.30 FIM Superbike World Championship. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Weekend Kitchen. 10.00 Frasier. 10.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 10.55 The Big Bang Theory. 11.50 The Simpsons. 12.45pm Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. 1.45 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newbury and Newmarket. 4.10 Come Dine with Me.

6.45 Channel 4 News.

7.05 The Restoration Man. Transforming two cow barns in Wellington, Herefordshire.

8.00 Grand Designs. A project to convert a derelict water tower in central London into a luxury home, complete with a room at the top offering spectacular 360-degree views across the capital.

9.00 FILM: X-Men: First Class (2011). Premiere. The first generation of the superhero team is brought together in the 1960s to avert a nuclear war. Superhero adventure prequel, with James McAvoy and Michael Fassbender.

11.35 FILM: Top Gun (1986). Aerial action adventure, starring Tom Cruise.

1.35am FILM: Brazil (1985). Satirical comedy, starring Jonathan Pryce. 4.00 Hollyoaks.

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.00 Access. 10.05 Police Interceptors. 11.05 Classic Car Rescue. 12.05pm FILM: Attack on the Iron Coast (1968). Second World War drama, starring Lloyd Bridges. 1.55 FILM: 633 Squadron (1964). Second World War drama, starring Cliff Robertson. 3.45 FILM: Columbo: The Conspirators (1978). Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. 5.45 FILM: Jesse Stone: Thin Ice (2009). Detective thriller, starring Tom Selleck.

7.15 Longmire. Walt and Vic try to untangle a complex web of passion to find out who put a rodeo sponsor in a coma and stole one of his seemingly worthless paintings.

8.05 NCIS. An attempted robbery leads to the death of a lieutenant. Drama, starring Mark Harmon and David McCallum.

9.55 5 News Weekend. Round-up of the day's headlines.

10.00 Live Boxing: The MaxiNutrition Knockout. Coverage of the semi-finals of the light heavyweight tournament.

12.15am SuperCasino. 3.15 DIY Dummies. 4.00 Wildlife SOS. 4.25 Make It Big. 4.50 The Funky Valley Show. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.10 Roary the Racing Car. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.30 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Roary the Racing Car.



Bob Larbey - A Tribute, Saturday, BBC2, 8pm



Casualty, Saturday, BBC1, 8.45pm



Dylan Thomas: A Poet in New York, Sunday, BBC2, 9pm



The British Academy Television Awards, Sunday, BBC1, 8pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Sunday Politics. 12.15pm Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Live Athletics: Great Manchester Run. 2.50 Escape to the Country. 3.35 Points of View. 3.50 Brazil with Michael Palin. 4.50 Lifestile. 5.00 Songs of Praise. 5.35 RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2014.

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. The team follows 24 hours of spring, including native birds lured back to Britain's shores and the beauty of blossom. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 The British Academy Television Awards. Graham Norton hosts the awards ceremony from Theatre Royal, Drury Lane in London, with shows including Southcliffe, The Fall, Broadchurch and The Village battling for recognition.

10.05 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.30 Imagine: Rio 50 Degrees - Carry on Carioca. New series. Film-maker Julien Temple explores the cultural history of Rio de Janeiro.

12.15am FILM: City of Men (2007). Premiere. Crime drama, starring Douglas Silva. 1.55 Weatherview. 2.00 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.10 FILM: Affair with a Stranger (1953). Drama, starring Jean Simmons and Victor Mature. 7.35 FILM: Safari (1956). Adventure, starring Victor Mature. 9.00 Gardeners' World. 9.30 The Beechgrove Garden. 10.00 Live Athletics: Great Manchester Run. Coverage of the 12th staging of the event. 12.30pm Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 2.00 Inspire: The Olympic Journey. 2.30 Live Gymnastics: European Championships. The final day of the women's event from Sofia, Bulgaria. 4.30 Triathlon.

6.00 Athletics: Great Manchester Run. Highlights of the 12th staging of the 10km event.

7.00 Australia with Simon Reeve. The adventurer meets members of a motorcycle gang in Gold Coast. Last in the series.

8.00 The Best of Top Gear. Dylan Thomas: A Poet in New York. Drama charting the writer's final days. Tom Hollander stars.

9.00 FILM: Edge of Darkness (2010). Thriller, starring Mel Gibson.

12.05am FILM: Sus (2010). Drama, starring Clint Dyer. 1.35 FILM: Catch a Fire (2006). Fact-based drama, starring Derek Luke and Tim Robbins. 3.10 Sign Zone: Countryfile. 4.05 Sign Zone: Holby City. 5.05 This Is BBC2.

ITV

6.00am CITV. 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 May the Best House Win. 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. 11.25 Love Your Garden. 12.25pm ITV News and Weather; Weather. 12.35 Big Star's Little Star. 1.40 The Chase. 2.35 Britain's Got Talent. 3.55 You've Been Framed! 4.20 Midsomer Murders.

6.20 ITV News Anglia; Weather. 6.30 ITV News and Weather. Catchphrase.

6.45 Off Their Rockers. Keith barters for a new TV, Sonia needs to be unlocked from her bedstead and Rosie and Marry find out who is the best kisser. Last in the series.

8.00 Vera. The detective investigates the death of a businessman who was working as an informant for HM Revenue and Customs offering information on his own company. Last in the series.

10.00 Perspectives: Freddie Mercury Saved My Life with Alfie Boe. The tenor explores the rock star's life and work.

11.00 ITV News and Weather; Weather.

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. Highlights of the semi-finals. 12.15am The Store. 2.45 Motorsport UK. 3.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 4.20 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 Rory Bremner's Great British Views.

CHANNEL 4

6.15am British F3 International Series. 6.40 How I Met Your Mother. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. 8.25 Frasier. 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30pm Secret Eaters. 1.35 The Big Bang Theory. 2.35 The Simpsons. 3.30 FILM: Tooth Fairy (2010). Family comedy, starring Dwayne Johnson. 5.35 Deal or No Deal.

6.30 Channel 4 News. This week's dealers appraise a punchbag once owned by Muhammad Ali, a Bee Gees guitar, a pair of giant angel wings, a unique armchair and a portrait.

8.00 For the Love of Cars. Ant Anstead restores an MG-TC to its former glory, while Philip Glenister takes one for a spin around the motorsport venue Shelsley Walsh, Worcestershire.

9.00 Fargo. When Lester has a close call, Molly makes an unorthodox decision, while Gus weighs up some neighbouring advice and Malvo gets what he wants.

10.05 FILM: The Wolfman (2010). Horror, starring Benicio Del Toro.

12.05am FILM: Dorian Gray (2009). Period horror, with Ben Barnes. 1.55 Southland. 2.40 Utopia. 3.50 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners. 4.45 Four Rooms. 5.40 SuperScrimpers. 5.50 Deal or No Deal.

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers Super Samurai. 10.35 Power Rangers Megaforce. 11.10 Beware! Cowboy Builders. 12.10pm The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. 1.10 FILM: CutThroat Island (1995). Swashbuckling adventure, starring Geena Davis. 3.35 FILM: Around the World in 80 Days (2004). Comedy adventure, starring Steve Coogan. 5.50 5 News Weekend. 5.55 FILM: Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (1994). Comedy, starring Jim Carrey.

7.35 FILM: X2 (2003). The X-Men are forced into an uneasy alliance with arch-enemy Magneto to battle a common foe. Superhero adventure sequel, starring Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart and Ian McKellen.

10.00 FILM: 21 Jump Street (2012). Premiere. Two youthful-looking cops are sent undercover as high-school students to expose a drugs ring. Comedy inspired by the 1980s TV series, with Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum.

12.15am Police Interceptors. 1.10 SuperCasino. 3.10 Classic Car Rescue. 4.00 Wildlife SOS. 4.25 Make It Big. 4.50 The Funky Valley Show. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.10 Roary the Racing Car. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.30 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Roary the Racing Car.

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Residential Sales

LITTLE THETFORD

£565,000



A substantial, rather special, Victorian double fronted detached residence set in wonderful mature gardens within this highly sought after village location.

Entrance Hall, Sitting Room with Open Fireplace, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Family Room, Cloakroom, F/F Annexe Suite comprising Bedroom 4, Study/Bedroom 5 and Shower Room, Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room, 2 Further Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens, Double Garage & Driveway Parking.

EPC - 53(E)



HADDENHAM

£305,000



A charming, spacious Victorian 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom detached cottage which lies adjacent to the recreation ground in the centre of this well served popular village location. EPC - 36(F)

LITTLEPORT

£149,950



A recently renovated, 3 bedroom semi detached, family home with excellent views over the green and conveniently positioned for easy access to local schooling and the village amenities. No Upward Chain EPC - 66(D)

WICKEN

£169,950



A semi-detached cottage located at the end of a small lane in this picturesque village, leading to open countryside and Wicken Fen nature reserve. No Upward Chain EPC - 43(E)

COVENEY

£475,000



An impressive, late 18th Century, double fronted detached residence which lies in an elevated position with far reaching countryside views. No Upward Chain. EPC - 27(F)

WITCHAM

£279,950



An impressive, superbly presented, modern double fronted 4 bedroom detached residence which lies in an appealing end of cul de sac position within this sought after village location.

Entrance Hall with Study Area, Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen with Built-in Appliances opening to Dining Room, Spacious Lounge, Galleried Landing, 4 Good Size Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room to Master Bedroom, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Under Floor Heating to the Ground Floor, Landscaped Rear Garden, Garage with Electric Operated Door, Driveway Parking.

EPC - 80(C)



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£246,950



A superbly presented, 3 bedroom, semi detached house with en-suite which lies in an appealing cul de sac setting in this highly sought after part of the City

Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Contemporary Refitted Kitchen with Built-in Cooking Appliances, Spacious Living Room with Patio Doors to Garden, Dining Room, Utility Room, 3 Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room to Master Bedroom, Family Bathroom, Enclosed Rear Garden, Driveway Parking.



ELY

£200,000



A rare opportunity to purchase a 2 bedroom coach house with garage and courtyard garden on this small exclusive development close to the river and mainline railway station.

Entrance Hall, Spacious Dual Aspect Living Room, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Shower Room, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Garage, Enclosed Courtyard Style Rear Garden.

Viewing Highly Recommended
No Upward Chain
EPC - 77(C)



Gregory Van Dicks Magnus Woodroffe

LITTLEPORT



A recently modernised and deceptively spacious, 2 bedroom detached bungalow backing onto the Marina and just a short walk from the railway station.

Reception Hall, Lounge/ Dining Room, Kitchen/ Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room, Further Double Bedroom, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage and Off Road Parking.

No Upward Chain
EPC - 30(F)



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A well presented 4 bedroom detached family home situated on a generous plot and positioned just a short walk from the Lantern and Ely College.

Entrance Hall, Kitchen/ Dining Room, Rear Lobby/ Utility Room, Dual Aspect Lounge, Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room, 3 Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Garage, Off Road Parking, Large Front Garden and Enclosed Rear Garden.

EPC - 68(D)



ELY



A particularly well appointed three bedroom Victorian cottage which lies in a convenient central position with views towards Ely Cathedral.

Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Spacious Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Rear Garden enjoying views to the Cathedral.

EPC - 48(E)



Ely

£680 pcm*



A two bedroom mid terrace house conveniently located in the heart of Ely's City Centre. The property benefits from a small enclosed rear garden & garage. EPC 74 - C
Available Immediately - Unfurnished



SUTTON

£595 pcm*



A two bedroom character cottage located in the heart of the village with far reaching views to the rear.

Living Room, Inner Lobby, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom, 2 Double Bedrooms, Rear Garden & Parking.

EPC 63 - D

Available Beginning June - Furnished



Witchford

£700 pcm*



A recently renovated two bedroom detached bungalow situated in a quiet residential area.

Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, Bathroom, Two Bedrooms, Enclosed Rear Garden, Driveway & Garage Parking

EPC 47 - E

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Guide Price
£160,000 - £165,000
Soham
Amenities On Your Doorstep
EPC C

My seller loved the fact this home has the character of a cottage with the peace of mind of a new build when she bought this property in 2007. The non estate location in the center of Soham was a big plus too. If you want to live in central Soham and enjoy the feel of a cottage with the upkeep of a modern home. This is for you. Ref: 8932

Is this what you've been waiting for?



Guide Price
£230,000 - £240,000
Soham
No Compromise On Bedroom Space Here!
EPC C

Exceptional bedroom space was high on my sellers wish list when they were looking for a home and this four double bedroom end of terraced town house fitted the bill perfectly! Two receptions, garage and drive just outside the back gate made this "the one" for them. The outlook from the lounge over the play park was another draw and the new school "The Shade" makes this an ideal family home. Ref: 8739

Ideal family home



Guide Price
£295,000 - £320,000
All Your Dreams Come True
EPC C

Littleport

This dream home is beautifully presented throughout and finished to a high standard. Having five bedrooms, two en suites, three receptions plus the double garage has stairs to one side which lead up to an amazing office/hobby room which has electric heating and windows to front. This property is sure to tick all the right boxes. A real find! Ref: 8650

- Five bedrooms
- Two en suites
- Three reception rooms

- Kitchen and utility
- Office/hobby room
- Double garage

Don't miss this!



You Can't Top This
Littleport
£235,000
EPC C

Offered for sale with no upward chain, this delightful four bedroom end terrace house will wow you with its presentation as you wander from room to room. A fabulous family home with space and versatility. There is a garage directly to one side of the property plus an additional allocated parking space to the rear. Our sellers have enjoyed living in this quiet location. Ref: 8865

- En-suite to master
- Separate lounge and dining room
- Kitchen and utility

- Beautiful presentation
- Garage and parking
- No upward chain

Don't hesitate! View Today!



Guide Price
£340,000 - £350,000
Soham
Far From the Ordinary
EPC D

Designed by our seller, this attractive four bedroom detached property has masses of kerb appeal and lots of off road parking, plus double garage. There is an abundance of space and masses of potential and versatility, ideal for the growing family. Ref: 8677

Dial now to book your viewing!



Guide Price
£135,000 - £145,000
Tower Road
Perfectly Located
EPC D

Set within the grounds of the old workhouse this ground floor two bedroom apartment is centrally located for the amenities on offer within Ely City and has allocated parking and modern day open plan living. An ideal investment or first time buy, the apartment is deceptively spacious and has modern kitchen opening into the lounge/dining area. Two good size bedrooms and bathroom complete the accommodation. Ref: 8725

Ideal investment or first time buy!



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Once In A Lifetime

EPC D

Isleham

Looking for something a little bit different? Then look no further than this very individual two bedroom semi detached cottage which has the former premises of the Old Bakery within the garden. Our seller has created a real wow with her interior design in the cottage itself, and the bakery building has been converted into studio/office/storage premises but could also easily be converted into an annexe, subject to planning. Ref: 8938

- Semi detached cottage
- Two double bedrooms
- Spacious living accommodation
- Extensive outbuilding
- Garage and off road parking
- Potential for annexe

You will not want to miss this!



Guide Price £275,000 - £285,000

Peace And Quiet

EPC C

Prickwillow

An individually designed three bedroom detached family home set close to the River Lark. Ideal for fishing, walking and bird watching. The hub of the home for our sellers is most definitely the kitchen/diner which could also be adapted to incorporate a family area. Offering spacious accommodation both upstairs and down, could this be your family home? Ref: 8835

- Individual family home
- En-suite and Juliette balcony to master
- Integral garage and ample off road parking
- Rural village location
- Spacious kitchen/dining/family room
- Close to River Lark - ideal fishing

Modern and individual-view now!



Guide Price £180,000 - £185,000

Fantastic Find

EPC C

Ely

When our seller purchased this property he could not resist the generously sized rear garden, the two double bedrooms plus the convenience of having the garage and driveway directly to one side. Perfectly located in Ely and set close to local schools and amenities, this property would make a perfect first time or investment buy. Hurry to book your viewing before it is too late! Ref: 8919

- Two double bedrooms
- Spacious lounge/diner
- Generous rear garden
- Detached garage and driveway
- Gas heating
- Ely location

Call today!



Guide Price £290,000 - £310,000

Something For Everyone

EPC C

Ely

Our seller bought this fabulous family home because of its light and airy rooms, larger than average rear garden and its position, close to local amenities and primary school. With its 21 foot lounge and separate dining room or play room which is its current use, there really is a sense of space. Our sellers favourite room has always been the kitchen, with the abundance of natural light and doors leading out into the garden. Ref: 8682

- Four bedrooms
- Master bedroom with dressing room and ensuite
- Spacious kitchen and separate utility
- Well presented
- Garage and off road parking
- Cul-de-sac location

Open House Saturday 17th May 3pm - 4pm



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Luxurious Living Guide Price

£450,000 - £475,000

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EPC TBC

My sellers set out to create a luxurious family home, and succeeded brilliantly! Four double bedrooms including a fabulous master suite, air conditioning, built in home cinema system, music via ceiling speakers, underfloor heating in the kitchen and entrance hall are just a few features that make this home stand out from others in the area. The space is beautifully balanced, making this a home to suit a family throughout the different stages of life. Ely St Johns and The Lanterns primary schools are within walking distance and, for the older children, the College is near by. The garden has been landscaped to suit multiple purposes with the lawn used for the children's play area while the amazing safari breeze house and hot tub on the deck mean the grown ups can enjoy the external space just as much as the youngsters. This really is a home for those who enjoy the finer things in life. Ref: 8933

- Detached house
- Four double bedrooms
- Fantastic Ely location
- Air conditioning
- Home cinema system
- Master bedroom suite
- Hot tub and breeze house
- Off street parking for multiple vehicles

LAUNCH WEEKEND 24TH & 25TH MAY-BY APPOINTMENT ONLY



Guide Price

£425,000 - £450,000

A Rare Opportunity

EPC D

Ely

If space matters, then look no further than this centrally located three bedroom detached bungalow which is adaptable, versatile and amazingly proportioned! Our sellers currently have the garden room set up as an office / hobby room, but it is perfectly adaptable to many uses. This is a perfect home suitable for all stages of life! Ref: 8854

- Three double bedrooms
- Garden room
- Separate lounge and dining room
- Spacious kitchen and utility room
- Double garage
- Crescent shaped driveway

Open House Saturday 17th May 1pm - 2pm



Guide Price

£290,000 - £310,000

Perfect Family Home

EPC D

Ely

Exclusive to us, this four bedroom detached property is set on a corner plot and offers all the space your family will require with separate lounge and dining room, ground floor WC and en suite to master! The rear garden is perfectly proportioned to accommodate both children and adults and will most certainly meet the needs of an avid gardener or sun worshiper! Ref: 8939

- Four bedrooms
- Separate lounge and dining room
- Corner plot
- Larger than average rear garden
- Garage and off road parking
- Ely location

Open House Saturday 24th May 1pm-2pm

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£329,950



- Individual detached house
- Well presented throughout
- Kitchen with fitted appliances
- Split level lounge and dining room
- 5 bedrooms
- Conservatory
- EPC Rating C

MEPAL

£229,950



- Established detached bungalow
- Open views to front and rear
- 3 bedrooms
- Extended lounge
- Kitchen dining room
- Large mature garden
- Workshop
- EPC Rating D

LT THETFORD £475,000



- Detached cottage style home
- Plot (approx. 0.66 acre STMS)
- Edge of this sort after village
- 4 Bedrooms & stylish bathroom
- Oak Garden room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Utility and Study
- EPC Rating E



LITTLE DOWNHAM £475,000



- Superbly presented detached home
- Stylish kitchen breakfast room
- 3 reception rooms
- Master bedroom with en-suite and dressing room
- 4 further bedrooms
- EPC Rating B



ELY £235,000



- Older style terraced house
- Centrally located
- 2 reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- 3 bedrooms
- Bathroom and shower room
- Enclosed rear garden
- EPC rating C



LITTLEPORT £565,000



- Substantial individual home
- Designed and build in 2002
- 4/5 Bedrooms
- Garden Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast room
- Delightful large gardens
- Study and Games room
- EPC Rating C



SOHAM £219,950



- Modern detached house
- 3 bedrooms
- En-suite to master
- Lounge and dining room
- Conservatory
- Fitted kitchen
- No onward chain
- EPC Rating D



ELY £127,500



- Ideal first time buy/ investment.
- Brand new terrace house
- 2 Bedrooms
- Open plan Kitchen/living/dining
- Fitted appliances
- Gas fired central heating
- Allocated parking
- EPC Rating B



ELY £350,000



- Established detached house
- 3 double bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- 3 reception rooms
- Conservatory
- Good size rear garden
- Parking and garage
- No onward chain



LITTLEPORT £273,000



- Two detached houses
- Non estate position
- Cul-de-sac location
- Open plan kitchen/diner
- Lounge
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite to master
- Predicted EPC B



LITTLEPORT

£129,950



- Modern End terrace house
- 2 bedrooms
- Kitchen/diner
- Lounge
- EPC Rating C

PUBLIC NOTICE

81 Parsons Lane, Littleport, CB6 1JX. We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £130,000. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place.

SUTTON

£395,000



- Beautifully presented detached house
- Private parkland setting
- 5 Double bedrooms
- Large fitted kitchen, dining room
- Lounge and study
- Split level garden
- Double garage
- EPC Rating D

CoverPROPERTY

Extended farmhouse

Little Downham: £550,000

THIS much-improved and extended five bedroom detached farmhouse in Downham Common, Little Downham is on the market with an asking price of £550,000. Internal accommodation includes a kitchen/family room, sitting room and study, utility room and boot room, a master bedroom with en suite, a family bathroom and four more bedrooms. Outside, the property has a formal garden area, a large vegetable garden, a concrete and gravel yard with a range of farm buildings and paddocks. Viewing is by arrangement through Cheffins on (01353) 654900.



- Improved and extended
- Detached farmhouse
- Five bedrooms
- Master with en suite
- A range of farm buildings

FeatureHOME

Pymoor: £295,000



THIS detached three bedroom bungalow in Main Street, Pymoor, is on the market with an asking price of £295,000. It has a lounge, kitchen, dining room, utility room, family room and cloakroom as well as three bedrooms. Outside there is a garden to the front, side and rear of the property, as well as off-road parking.



Viewing can be arranged by telephoning William H Brown on (01353) 663311.

Peter Michael

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Soham £269,995



New

Detached house with accommodation comprising hallway, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, four bedrooms with en-suite to master and bathroom. The property benefits from driveway and garage. EPC Rating C.

Soham £214,950



New Price

Detached house situated in popular residential area in the town of Soham. The accommodation in brief comprises of entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, playroom, three bedrooms and a bathroom. The property benefits from double glazing, gas radiator heating and an enclosed rear garden. Viewing is strongly recommended. EPC Rating B.

Soham £194,950



New

Terraced house with accommodation comprising hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property has scope for further improvements and benefits from gas heating and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating B.

Soham £269,950



New

We are delighted to offer for sale this exceptional recently built end of terrace family home. The accommodation in brief comprises entrance hall, down stairs cloakroom, lounge, kitchen / dining room, master bedroom with en suite, three further bedrooms, family bathroom, garage, rear garden. EPC Rating C.

Soham £179,500



We are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom terraced house in a popular residential area of Soham. The accommodation comprises hallway, cloakroom, lounge/diner, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property benefits from gas radiator heating, double glazing and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating B.

Soham £525 pcm



To Let

One bedroom house with hall, bathroom, lounge, kitchen and bedroom. The property benefits from electric heating and allocated parking. EPC Rating D.

Soham £151,500



Mid terrace house with accommodation comprising entrance hall, kitchen, lounge, three bedrooms, bathroom and separate wc. The property benefits from double glazing and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating B. No onward chain.

Soham £116,500



A two bedroom first floor apartment benefiting from double glazing, electric heating and allocated parking. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom. No Onward Chain. EPC Rating C.

Soham £132,500



First floor flat with accommodation comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. The property benefits from gas radiator heating, double glazing and an allocated parking space. EPC Rating C. No onward chain.

Soham £1,300 pcm



To Let

No Fees for USAF. Detached four bedroom house situated in Soham with accommodation comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, four bedrooms and bathroom. The property benefits from enclosed rear garden, garage and off road parking. Sorry no shares, no benefits or smokers. EPC Rating B.

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UNRIVALLED COVERAGE AROUND ELY



NEW



Chatteris £229,950
Charming thatched Grade II Listed cottage. 2 reception rooms, study, utility, bathroom, kitchen/breakfast room, 3 bedrooms, mature garden & parking. EPR N/A



NEW



Aldreth £439,950
A highly individual 4/5 bedroom (1 ensuite) detached family home offering versatile family living accommodation on a mature plot & double garage. EPR D.



NEW



Ely £310,000
A superbly presented 3-storey 4/5 bedroom property, extended to provide separate living accommodation for dependent relatives or potential tenants. EPR C.



NEW



Ely £410,000
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**NEW****Sutton****£169,950**

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**NEW PRICE****Ely****£279,950**

A well presented detached property situated in this well regarded location. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen / dining room, lounge, 4 double bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, enclosed garden, garage and parking. EPR TBC

**NEW****Littleport****£169,950**

A character home situated close to the centre of this popular Town with accommodation comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms and bathroom. There is also a single garage, driveway and gardens. EPR TBC.

**NEW****Littleport****£139,950**

A well presented 2 bedroom property situated near the Town Centre with accommodation comprising dining room, lounge, kitchen, utility room, conservatory, 2 bedrooms and bathroom. There is also an enclosed rear garden. EPR TBC.

**NEW PRICE****Stretham****£204,950**

A well presented semi detached property in this well regarded village with accommodation comprising entrance hall, kitchen, lounge / dining room, 4 bedrooms and bathroom. There is also an enclosed garden backing onto farmland. EPR D.

**NEW****Ely****£263,950**

Situated in the highly regarded Stour Green, this modern 3-storey townhouse overlooks green space to the front & offers versatile family accommodation. Hall, kitchen/breakfast room, bedroom 4/study, cloakroom, first floor lounge & bedroom, second floor 2 further bedrooms (1 ensuite) & bathroom. There is also a single garage & enclosed garden. EPR TBC.

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NEW

Southery £205,000

A superbly presented 4 bedroom detached bungalow situated in a picturesque location within Southery. Hall, kitchen, utility room, dining room, lounge, 4 bedrooms, well appointed gardens, car port & driveway. EPR D.



NEW

Littleport £145,000

Situated close to the centre of this popular Fenland Town, this detached bungalow comprises rear lobby, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, 2 bedrooms, wet room, garden and off road parking. EPR TBC.



NEW PRICE

Witchford £152,500

A modern terrace home with hall, kitchen, lounge/dining room, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed garden & parking. Ideal first time buy or investment opportunity. EPR C.



NEW

Ely £215,000

A modern end of terrace property in the highly regarded Lantern catchment. Hall, lounge, dining room, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, enclosed rear garden, garage & parking. EPR TBC.

**Prickwillow** £289,950

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NEW

Stretham £350,000

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£180,000

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- Four Bedrooms
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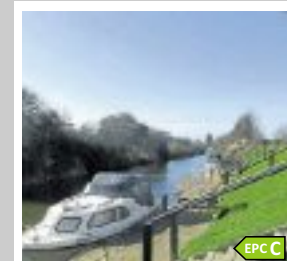
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£200,000

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- Conservatory
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- Single Garage

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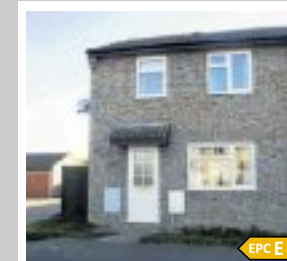
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**Witchford**

£170,000

- Desirable Village
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking

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**Littleport**

Offers Over £160,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached Home
- Conservatory
- Single Garage

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Offers Over £140,000

- Two/Three Bedroom Period Property
- Sitting Room & Dining Room
- Bathroom & Shower Room
- 100ft Garden

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**Littleport**

£130,000

- Character Cottage
- Conservatory
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms

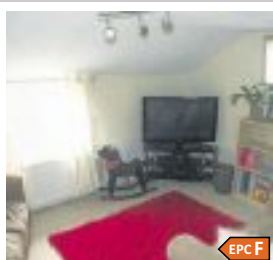
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ELY £550 pcm VIEW  EPC Band E. One bedroom second floor flat in the centre of Ely. Lounge, Kitchen with oven hob fridge/freezer & washing machine, Bathroom with shower over bath. City centre location with views over Ely cathedral. No parking	STRETHAM £540 pcm  EPC band D 61. A one bedroom end terraced house. Accommodation comprises of Lounge 13'8 x 12'11 Kitchen/Dining area 13'8 x 8'5 Bedroom 11'10 x 10'5 Bathroom with shower over bath. Electric heating. Garden & Parking	ELY £660 pcm  EPC Band C. Two bedroom mid terrace house, kitchen, lounge with patio doors leading into rear garden, bathroom with white suite & shower over bath. Front & rear garden with the rear being enclosed with end gate allowing access to single garage & parking area.	ELY £1,275 pcm  EPC awaited. Refurbished throughout a 4 bedroom detached house, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom. Bedroom 1 with en suite, family bathroom, single garage with door to rear garden & another garage converted into a sound room/storage area. Enclosed rear garden.

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NEW



SUTTON

A sympathetically enlarged three bedroom detached house, with pleasant gardens situated in a non estate location.

3 bedrooms, family bathroom, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, lounge, office, cloakroom, utility room, oil fired central heating, garage, two off-road parking spaces, gardens. EPC rating: E

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HADDENHAM

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4 bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, entrance hall, sitting/dining room, kitchen, utility room, oil central heating, double glazing, driveway and rear garden. EPC rating: D

£275,000



NEW



ELY

An established link detached three bedroom home situated in a popular city location, in need of modernisation.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, entrance hall, sitting room, kitchen/dining room, double glazing, gas central heating, open plan front garden, driveway and enclosed rear garden. EPC rating: F

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An impressive detached bungalow providing versatile three bedroom accommodation.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, dining room, double glazing, oil central heating and driveway parking. EPC rating: D

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£269,950**NEW****LITTLEPORT**

A modern semi detached home providing well proportioned three bedroom accommodation placed within an attractive cul de sac setting.

3 bedrooms, en suite shower, family bathroom, entrance hall, cloakroom, living room, kitchen, open plan front garden, driveway, single garage and rear garden. EPC rating: C

£165,000**ELY**

A one bedroom ground floor flat, set in an exclusive development in a central city location, just off Ely Market Square.

Bedroom, lounge/diner/kitchen, bathroom, entrance hallway. No upward chain. EPC rating: C

£150,000**SOHAM**

An attractive modern one bedroom home occupying a pleasant position to the rear of this residential cul de sac.

1 double bedroom, bathroom, sitting room, double glazing, gas central heating and parking. EPC rating: C

£122,950**SOHAM**

A two bedroom second floor apartment positioned in this residential development in the popular and well served town of Soham.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, open plan kitchen, lounge/dining room and allocated parking space. EPC rating: D

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LITTLEPORT

A well presented end terrace house situated on the popular Highfield Drive development.

The property comprises of lounge with wood flooring, kitchen/diner with fitted gas hob, double electric oven, dishwasher, large storage cupboard. Master bedroom with built in triple wardrobes and ensuite shower room, one double and one single bedroom and family bathroom. Gas central heating. Enclosed rear garden with paved patio and lawn. Parking. EPC rating: B.

£700 PCM*



NEW



LITTLE DOWNHAM

A beautifully presented mid terrace cottage located in the popular village of Little Downham.

The property comprises of a living room with feature fireplace. Kitchen with built-in electric oven and hob. Bathroom with shower over bath. Lean to/utility area. Two double bedrooms with hard wood floors, built-in storage. Enclosed rear garden laid to lawn with small courtyard area. Parking. Gas central heating. EPC rating C.

£625 PCM*



NEW



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A neutrally decorated two bedroom ground floor flat situated just a short walk from the Riverside and Railway Station.

The property provides a spacious open plan kitchen/dining area/lounge with gas hob and electric oven. Two bedrooms. Bathroom with over bath shower and storage cupboard containing plumbing for washing machine. Enclosed garden with a storage shed. Gas central heating. EPC rating C.

£675 PCM*



NEW



ELY

£675 PCM*

A modern and neutrally decorated two bedroom mid terrace property located within walking distance of the Train Station, City centre and Riverside area.

The property comprises of modern fitted kitchen with washing machine and fridge/freezer with patio doors leading to the rear garden. Lounge/dining room. Two double bedrooms and family bathroom with shower over bath. Rear garden with patio and decked area. Gas central heating. EPC rating: D.



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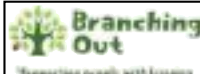
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> Cricket

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Chippenham (120 for 4) beat hosts Tuddenham (95 for 5) by 25 runs as D Hayward top-scored for the victors.

Ollie Rix put in a good all-round performance for the victors, with 19 runs and figures of 3 for 20 from his three overs.

Ely went down at home to Horringer.

The victors posted 114 for 5 from their 15 overs on a lively wicket.

Ely's response got off to a slow start, with only opener Jonny Wallace (17) and skipper Andy Zajac (28) hitting double figures as their team was restricted to 84 for 6.

And Fordham came away from Isleham with a 26-run win.

Their total of 106 for 1 included an unbeaten 41 from Jordan Theobald. Isleham managed 80 for 6 in response, Will Ellis hitting 29 and Carl Houghton nabbing 2 for 2.

> Korfball

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ELY Vikings have notched up their best performance by finishing runners-up slot in the Cambridgeshire League.

The season came down to a hard-fought title-decider with defending champions Cambridge Tigers.

In front of a good crowd, Tigers, with home advantage and in pole position, eventually ran out 11-7 winners after the sides were all square at half time.

Vikings have been scoring 20 goals a game in what has been their best season since the club was founded eight years ago, but on the night the shots just did not drop.

Robyn Seabright was creative in attack with excellent

movement, strongly supported by Eleanor Johnson, while Chris Brown was dominant at the post, allowing repeat attacks for Jas Radford and Olly Watts.

A number of second-half penalties allowed Tigers to pull out a three-goal lead, but Vikings never gave up and had several chances to get back on terms, while Jacob Dawes came on as substitute to try to make an impact.

Jamie Smith and Ant Broliot got three goals each and Chris Brown scored one.

Chairman Martin Brown said: "Whilst Vikings were disappointed with the result, they can be proud of the performance."

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On the charge: Ely Vikings, in black, in action (left) and bonding in a huddle (above). Pictures: Lucy Lloyd.

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> Boxing

Revenge is sweet in Smith's triumph

NATHAN Smith gained revenge in his rematch with Luke Westray and picked up the first win of his career to boot at Haddenham & Ely's final show of the season.

Smith lost to his opponent from Bury St Edmunds' Eastgate club on his debut in their previous clash at the same Ely College venue earlier this season.

But, cheered on by a home crowd, he came through this time on a majority decision in an extremely close-fought encounter.

Smith had a slight height advantage over Westray, who maintained a steely glare which belied his tiny frame, but found most success in the opening round going for body shots.

There was little space for either boxer to work in, but the pace dropped in the second period as they slogged it out before Smith got the nod in the end, to his obvious delight.

Jay Moore suffered a split verdict defeat on his debut against Chalvedon fighter Sonny Hardy.

But it was an encouraging performance from the first-timer, who is following in the footsteps of his uncles Steve and Perry by boxing for Haddenham.

He certainly looked the part with spangly Union Jack shorts, featuring a pair of golden gloves, and glittery silver boots.

And there was little to choose between the pair, although Hardy made the more aggressive start to each round, which may have been what it came down to on the scorecards.

Callum Gibson was on the wrong end of a split decision in his clash with Essex University hitter Charlie Shave.

There was plenty of eyeball between the duo while the referee was issuing instructions and they took it into the ring with Gibson prowling around looking for the right time to come in.

But Shave proved a useful counter-puncher and was able to pick Gibson off at times when he made a move.



Narrow defeat: Callum Gibson lost on a split decision against Charlie Shave

Callum Francis went down on a unanimous verdict to Southend's Amir Ishfaq in a fierce toe-to-toe battle.

Ishfaq already appeared to be a livewire from the way he was bouncing around in the ring while Francis was still having his photo taken with the club's schoolboy boxer-of-the-year award he had just received.

And it proved to be the case as both went at it hammer and tongs, putting some power behind their blows.

Francis had most joy with the left hook, but

Ishfaq was relentless in his energy and work rate.

He dragged the home boxer into the kind of fight he wanted, getting through several times in the last round when Francis dropped his guard.

Cambridge's Max Durning lost on a split decision to Chalvedon boxer Tony Cooper.

Meanwhile, Liam Goodjohn and Riley Smith picked up the club's senior and junior club awards respectively after treating the crowd to a sparring session during the interval.

> Youth football

Connor at the double to seal Mepal victory

CONNOR Rae-Smith registered both in Mepal Sports' 2-1 victory against Over Sports in BM Kempton 9v9 Youth League 12C. Joshua Huckle provided the assist for Rae-Smith to open the scoring, while Zack Glover made some fine saves to prevent Over from scoring.

Over did level before half time following Huckle being forced off due to injury and it remained that way until the final two minutes when Rae-

Smith tapped home. Ely Crusaders are looking for players to join them for next season when they step up to the Cambridge & District Colts League under-13s.

Crusaders train on Friday evenings between 6pm and 7pm.

If anyone is interested they should contact Dawna Houghton on 07876 467178 or visit their website at www.elycrusaders.com.

> Badminton

Victoria launch pay as you play court times

ALTHOUGH the official badminton season is nearly over, Ely Victoria will operate a weekly summer club which starts on Tuesday, June 3.

Admission is £4 for adults, £2.50 for juniors, which covers all court time and feather shuttle use.

No membership or regular commitment

is required, anyone coming along can pay as they play.

The sessions run from 7pm to 10pm.

The club has reserved three courts, but this will be extended to four when attendances increase.

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> Golf



Top spot: Eleanor Gamble (centre) with junior organiser Maureen Mansfield (left) and county president Mo Poole.

Golden Gamble

ELEANOR Gamble took top spot at the inaugural event of the Cambs & Hunts Ladies' County Golf Association Junior Girls Golf Tour for development squad players.

Hosted by On Par Ely, the nine-hole stableford competition proved to be a challenge for all those taking part.

Gamble, from Ely City Golf Club, finished in first place in the 29 to 43 handicap section with 25 points, on countback from clubmate Natasha Bamford.

In the second group, for players with a 44 to 54 handicap, Jordanne Sillitoe won with 21 points.

The event is a new competition for junior girls and is being funded by grant aid from England Golf.

Further competitions in the tour are planned for Heydon Grange, Cambridge Lakes and Huntingdonshire courses throughout the season.

A grand final is scheduled to take place at Girton Golf Club in October.



Impressive: Jordanne Sillitoe (centre) with Maureen Mansfield (left) and Mo Poole.

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